

Orange County

# Yearbook

2015 - 2016

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#### **Boeing Boeing** September 10-13, 2015



Theatergoers recently hopped on board and fastened their seatbelts for one of the funniest comedies of this year's high school theater season. On Sept. 10th, Huntington Beach High School performed its first theatre production, "Boeing-Boeing."

Set as a 1960's fanciful French farce about love, friendship, and polygamy, a suave American architect named Bernard is having the time of his life. He is managing to juggle three stunning stewardesses at one time. Claiming them all as his fiancées, each has no idea about the other two. Each are flying for different airlines and Bernard is able to keep them from meeting through careful planning. That is until an old school chum, Robert, shows up and is invited for the weekend. Fate finally steps in and decrees that flight schedules change and the women ultimately end up at Bernard's apartment at the same time. As plans fall apart for Bernard, his perfect life gets bumpy, timid Robert is forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms.

**Sam Johnson** was smooth and confident as the sly, triple-timing Bernard. Bernard's maid and closest confidant, the saucy melodramatic Berthe, played by **Rosella Juliano**, helped keep order and the fiancées at bay as the over-thetop plot bounces wildly from one romantic entanglement to another. Berthe's timing was near perfect, as she scurried back and forth to accommodate her "monsieur" and his hectic love life. Robert, ingeniously played by **Jacob Menke**, was also indeed quick to react, and caused uproarious laughter from the audience.

**Robert Rotenberry** and his talented cast executes the complicated staging with more precise timing than an air traffic controller at LAX. The show incorporates a variety of acting styles from the wildly overdone prancing of stewardess Gloria (**Shannon Mahoney**) to the understated mumbling of the complaining Berthe. Gabriella is perfectly portrayed by **Rachel Fishbough**, and **Alyssa Hall** plays an outstanding Gretchen.

Accents were spot-on from all and so well performed. I very much enjoyed Berthe's accent with the attached long-suffering melodrama. The set was the same one used at UCI recently for their production of *Boeing Boeing* and amply fit inside the Black Box's limited space with room to spare. The entire cast operated with an almost mathematical precision as they moved the script along. All in all, the whole production had a hilarious script and a risqué plot, and I thought the entire performance was a great ride. I loved it so much, I saw it twice!

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### **Boeing Boeing (cont.)**

BERNARD: Sam Johnson GLORIA: Shannon Mahoney BERTHE: Rosella Juliano ROBERT: Jacob Menke GABRIELLA: Rachel Fishbough GRETCHEN: Alyssa Hall

Director: Robert Rotenberry Costume Design: Rachel Engstrom / Reanne Wang / Jordan Carabajal Hair/Makeup: Reanne Wang / Jordan Carabajal / Bella Molina / Megan Terkeusrt Set: Keith Bangs / Pam Marsden/ Julie Keen Lighting: Josh Behrens / Seth Haden Sound Design: Bradon O'Connell





### **Boeing Boeing (cont.)**



#### City of Angels October 16-25, 2015

Fans of fictional detectives like Sam Spade will enjoy "City of Angels," a musical spoof of hard-bitten, womanizing snoops presented by Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts on October 18th, 2015. The show will also be playing the following weekend, the 23rd -25th in the Historic Auditorium and Bell Tower.

First staged in 1989, this musical is a tribute to film noir, a satire on Hollywood and a tremendous feat of intertwined plotting. A writer (Stine), struggles to make a screenplay out of his detective novel, tussling for control of the script with a producer who just wants a happy ending. As the author, expertly played by **Cole Wachman**, types out his drafts, his plot becomes embodied on stage. When he taps out a direction it is flashed up immediately and is performed by the actors. When he deletes a sequence, characters rewind themselves, jerking backwards out of rooms. Reminds me fondly of a *Twilight Zone* episode with the same theme from the 50's.

Stine's protagonist detective, Stone, is played with calm gravity by **Adrian Villegas**. Nothing fazes Stone, even his own attempted murder at the hands of two very funny hoods, played by **Cole LaBrake** and **Blake Laszlo**, who seem bent on blowing him up. Adrian uses every nuance of coolness at his disposal while interpreting the role, and he conjures up a mixed bag of heroes and celebrities rolled into one, especially when crooning out a tune. I could see him take on characteristics of the inimitable Humphrey Bogart, but resemble Elvis Costello singing "The Detectives." Perhaps a bit of Buster Poindexter added for good measure. He was really made for this part.



For its humor, the script relies on hammy acting and corny one-liners, like in the

description of the sexy beauty whose legs were so long that "only the floor kept her legs from going on forever." **Marcus Veyette** and **Maxwell Holley** also achieve some of their funniest moments of the show as fictional characters Lt. Munoz and Officer Pasco. Marcus (Lt. Munoz) delivers one of the best performances of the night Latin American style, with "All You Have To Do Is Wait!"

The progress of the plot is confusing at times, with actors doubling and even tripling in roles, all the while mingling real scenes with fictional ones. **Autumn Kirkpatrick** shines as both Stine's wife Gabby and Stone's ex-fiance Bobbi; **Laura Harris**, who stars as Stone's secretary Oolie and Buddy's secretary Donna is another talented showstopper.

I found the material always entertaining and intriguing with unexpected plots and twists. The lyrics, written by David Zippel and the script by Larry Gelbart (who incidentally also wrote  $M^*A^*S^*H$  and *Tootsie*) perfectly capture the corner-of-the-mouth Chandler

idion, drawlingly delivered and jewel-encrusted. And Cy Coleman's superb jazz score, flawlessly performed by APA's orchestra headed by Director **Gregg Gilboe**, provides a secret narrative snaking throughout the evening. There was a great deal of ambiance. It was a strong, sizzling two hours, and one of the best productions in Orange County at this time. I would definitely see it again!

Performed October 16 - 25, 2015

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### City of Angels (cont.)

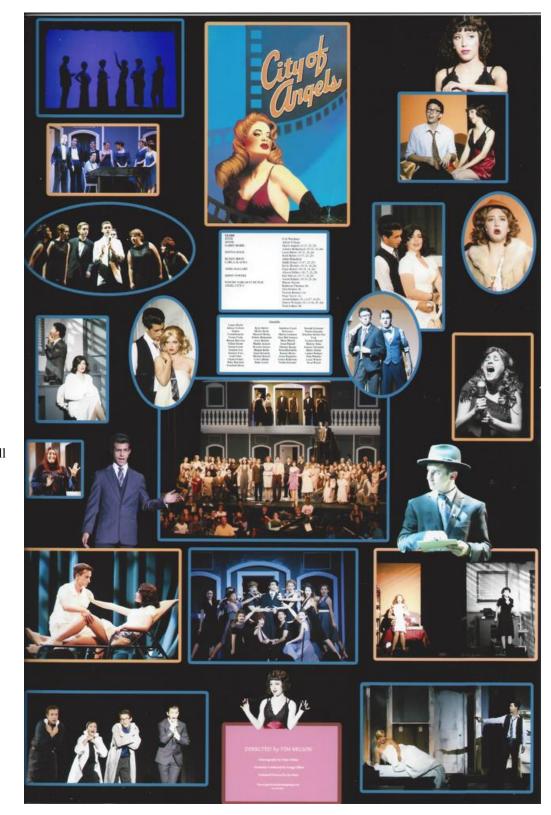
Stine: Cole Wachman Stone: Adrian Villegas Irwin S. Irving/Buddy Fidler: Adam Blanchard Gabby/Bobbi: Autumn Kirkpatrick **Donna/Oolie:** Laura Harris Carla/Alaura: Emily Michels Averill/Mallory: Allyson Peffers Jimmy Powers: Sam Melvin Pancho Vargas/Lt. Munoz: Marcus Veyette The Angel City 6: Noah LaBare Austin Schulte Julia Stratton Kathrine Chatman Victoria Romero Paige Taylor Dr. Mandril/Margie, A Madam: Rossella Juliano Werner/Luther Kingsley: Alberto Hernandez Big Six: Cole LaBrake Sonny: Blake Laszlo Gerald/Peter Kingsley: Riley Hayward Gene/Pasco/Gilbert: Maxwell Holley Mahoney/Blue Note Announcer: Lucas Wilson Del Dacosta/Gaines: Damon Williams Shoe Shine Boy/Nephew: Michael Kriesel Cinematographer/Coroner Yamato: Vivian Cronk Orderly 1: Annalise Fox Orderly 2: Kat Lewis Margaret: Mollie Hersh Anna, A Masseuse: Chyna Gudgel Brothel Girl: Maddie Jackson Bootsie, A Brothel Girl: Rylie Herbel Stand-In: Malia Merrill Clapper Girl: Victoria Stewart Makeup Girl: Lauren Beebe Prop Girl: Gillian Duane Blue Note Guests: Lauren Beebe Gillian Duane Annalise Fox Chyna Gudgel Riley Hayward Alberto Hernandez Rylie Herbel Mollie Hersh Maxwell Holley Maddie Jackson Michael Kriesel Kat Lewis Malia Merrill Victoria Stewart Damon Williams Hollywooders/Alaura Singers: Sophia Courtemarche Brenna Donovan Annalise Fuji Jenny Hudson Tessa Rawlinson Jessie Ruggierro Hannah Schooner







### City of Angels (cont.)



Autumn Thelander Helen Thome Nina Wheeler **Ensemble:** Kelsey Colburn Juliana Foster Leah Gates Elizabeth Hearn Maggie Keller Tegan Kennedy Anneliese Leach Marina Loukatos Alex McCrimmon Jessie Patzlaff **Delaney Raupp** Kamari Rhone Emma Rutkowski Jordan Schochet Natalie Segundo Dorothea Seibert Von Fock, Mallory Stiles Lauren Watkins Tessa Wilson

Director: Tim Nelson Costume Design: Jordan Carabajal Kamari Rhone Marissa Wilson Hair/Makeup Design: Jordan Carabajal Kamari Rhone Marissa Wilson Set Design: Allison Pickle Lighting Design: Josh Behrens Sound Design: Bradon O'Connell Choreographer: Diane Makas Musical Director: Tim Nelson

#### Look Homeward, Angel November 12-15, 2015

Ketti Frings' 1957 stage adaptation of Thomas Wolfe's masterpiece focuses on the universal family dynamics that make life so troubled and sadly beautiful for parents and children alike. **Robert Rotenberry's** staging of the play for the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts effectively renders those conflicts with an authentic urgency that makes this one of the most powerful dramas we've seen at the Historic Auditorium and Bell Tower in some time. That the school achieves it with an all-student cast is all the more impressive.

**Daniel Lesnick** plays Eugene Gant, the 17-year-old aspiring writer (and thinly veiled stand-in for Wolfe) at the center of this coming-of-age story. For Eugene, the autumn of 1916 brings a widening of horizons far beyond his familiar life in this small North Carolina town. In the space of a few short weeks, he experiences his first love affair, the dissolution of his family, and the recognition that his future lies away from home in the irreversible exile of adult life.

But to attain it, he must sever the maternal apron strings that bind him to childhood dependency - a particularly tricky proposition given the iron will of the family matriarch, Eliza Gant **(Emma Baltodano)**. Eliza wields the family purse strings with a tight-fisted vengeance, in which Baltodano's performance mirrors the otherwise powerless condition common to women of that era. She's certainly not about to fund her little Eugene's escape to college, because she cannot acknowledge the necessity of letting go.

Eliza's obsession with control is a perpetual irritant to Eugene's loud, alcoholic father (**Grant Rincon**), a stonecutter whose lifelong pursuit has been to carve a perfect angel out of brute marble. While he proves harrowing in his scenes of bellowing abuse, he also reveals the all-too-human failures that have knotted the man's poetic soul.





Though neither parent is consciously ill-intentioned, the effect is suffocating for their children, and herein lies the eternal conflict so poignantly evoked in the play. It prompts Ben (**Sam Johnson**), the older brother Eugene idolizes, to urge him to steal, lie, or do anything else he can to squeeze the college money he needs from Eliza. Prominent among the capable supporting cast are **Alyssa Hall** as the mysterious boarder Laura with whom Eugene strikes up a bittersweet romance, **Rachel Fishbough** playing Helen Gant Barton and her husband Hugh Barton (**Jacob Menke**).

This play pulses with life, the good, as well as the bad, and APA has once again magically created a visual literary novel on stage. My congratulations to an extraordinary cast and crew!

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**Eugene Gant:** Daniel Lesnick Ben Gant: Sam Johnson Helen Gant Barton: Rachel Hugh Barton: Jacob Menke Eliza Gant: Emma Baltodano W. O. Gant: Grant Rincon Luke Gant: Jake Webber Laura James: Alyssa Hall Miss Brown: Sidney Farrar Dr. Maguire: James Volonte Mr. Farrel: Christopher Delfino Will Pentland: Benjamin Belhassen Mrs. Pert: Kate Napoli Jake Clatt: Erik Drake Mrs. Clatt: Cassie Kirkconnell Florry Mangle: Sorshia Curry Mrs. Snowden: Makena Low: Tarkington: Jacob Mesa Madame Elizabeth: Yvonne Gonzales **Boarders:** Katherine Lane and Mia Palacious Soaks Baker: Foster Kirkconnell **Neighbors:** Brigette Butler Kenny Cook

Kaylie Flowers Madison Hammonds Foster Kirkconnell Chloe Riederich Sophia Shajari Ilana Simon Sydney Stapp Isabel Ucar Ayla Valentine Catlynn Yates

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Eugene: Jake Webber Eliza: Kate Napoli Laura: Sidney Farrar Ben: James Volonte Maguire: Benjamin Belhassen Mrs. Pert: Catlynn Yates Helen: Katherine Lane Hugh/Jake: Christopher Delfino Tarkington: Kenny Cook Will: Jacob Mesa Miss Brown: Madison Hammonds Mrs. Clatt: Mia Palacious Mrs. Snowden: Ilana Simon

Director: Robert Rotenberry Costume Design: Reanne Wang Hair/Makeup Design: Jordan Carabajal/Gianna Francisco/ Mari Iwasaki/Chelsea Lucas-Butler/Bella Molina/Kamari Rhone/Marissa Sellers/Reanne Wang/Marissa Wilson Set Design: Molly Godlewski/Jenny Park Lighting Design: Seth Haden Sound Design: Garrett Wolfe/Bradon O'Connell

#### Look Homeward, Angel (cont.)







#### The Light in the Piazza January 14-17, 2016

Based on Elizabeth Spencer's 1959 novella of the same title, "The Light In The Piazza," from the Huntington Beach Academy of Performing Arts, is running from January 14th through the 17th and centers on a domestic but gripping drama.

At APA's Studio Theatre, the story unfolds on a simple set consisting of shimmering pieces of marble and uncomplicated props. Director **Tim Nelson** has assembled a cast of strong actors with gorgeous voices who make the substantial amounts of Italian dialogue and lyrics sound utterly authentic.

In 1953 Margaret (Rossella Juliano), a wealthy American woman, and her unusually innocent daughter Clara (Katherine Chatman) are touring Italy, when in Florence Clara and a charming local boy Fabrizio (Cole Wachman) fall in love. With matters complicated by the language barrier (some of the dialogue and songs are in untranslated Italian), the over-protective Margaret has to decide whether Clara and Fabrizio's love is real and whether to reveal a secret about Clara that could jeopardize Clara's happiness. As the couple appear headed for marriage, Margaret's dilemma grows more urgent by the day.

Guettel's score, played in a scaled-down version with keyboard, piano, percussio and flute, is simply gorgeous. One beautiful song follows the next, complex both in structure and mood. Although the main leads are all on wireless mics, it's almost unneeded in this intimate close audience gathering. Throughout the show, sung monologues and dialogues are perfectly delivered. Adrian Villegas is suave and wise as Fabrizio's father. **Grace Bowen** is tart and commanding as Fabrizio's unhappy sister-in-law. Margaret's meditation on the emotional distance that has come between her and her state-side husband in "Dividing Day," is melodic and brooding. Clara's cascading "The Beauty Is" captures the yearning and uncertainty of

youth. Allyson Peffers plays an authentic Franca, and Giuseppi Naccarelli is played by the multi-talented Marcus Veyette.

Margaret as the narrator for the audience is also the anchor figure and **Rossella Juliano** is exquisite in the part. A truer match of look, manner and role is hard to imagine. **Katherine Chatman**, who has a voice that really transcends as it grows louder, is ideally cast as Clara. Her characterization of Clara is at first puzzling, until a plot point is revealed that makes perfect sense, and gives us a nice "aha" moment, right before the intermission. **Cole Wachman** is delightfully captivating as he pours out his heart to Clara in Italian

and conveys all the joys and anguish of Fabrizio's love. Lovely costumes by Carole Zelinger, Melissa Cook's clear sound and Chris

**Caputo's** unobtrusive lighting round out the beautiful staging of a tale that may leave you feeling reminiscent of Sondheim — haunting and poetic with a rich, lush score.

Fortunately, for the art form and those who love it, there are composers like Adam Guettel who believe a musical can be a true work of art. That's exactly what Piazza is, a sublime, neo-romantic creation that pushes the boundaries of what music theatre can be.

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### The Light in the Piazza (cont.)

Margaret Johnson: Rossella Juliano Clara: Katherine Chatman Fabrizo Naccarelli: Cole Wachman Signor Naccarelli: Adrian Villegas Franca: Allyson Peffers Giuseppi Naccaretti: Marcus Veyette Signora Naccarelli: Grace Bowen Roy Johnson: Adam Blanchard **Priest:** Austin Schulte Tour Guide: Vivian Cronk Maid: Kat Lewis Waiter: Riley Hayward ENSEMBLE: Taylor Aragon Lauren Beebe Allison Bossart Sophia Courtemarche Vivian Cronk Brenna Donovan Cassidv Dorain Natalie Doumanian Chvna Gudgel Darla Jacobs Maggie Keller Kat Lewis Cassidy Love Alicia Mansfield Bailee O'Connell Selah Rabin Tessa Rawlinson Riki Resch Dorothea Seibert Von Fock Mallory Stiles Paige Taylor Autumn Thelander Helen Thorme Nina Wheeler Riley Hayward Alberto Hernandez Michael Kriesel Sean McCrimmon Seth Merrill Austin Schulte Damon Williams Clayton Zarate

Clara Understudy - Autumn Thelander Guiseppi - Sam Melvin Signora Naccarelli - Autumn Kirkpatrick

Director: Tim Nelson Costume Design/Hair/Makeup: Carole Zelinger Set/Lighting Design: Chris Caputo Sound Design: Melissa Cook Choreographer: Diane Makas Musical Direction: Tim Nelson





#### Antigone February 4-5, 2016

*Antigone*, a tragedy written by Jean Anouilh, is showing at the Black Box Studio Theatre at the Academy for the Performing Arts, Huntington Beach on February 4th-6th at 7:30pm.

Sophocles' original *Antigone*, a tragedy deeply rooted in Greek mythology, first appeared on the stage about 2,400 years ago. Anouilh's *Antigone* is an adaptation of Sophocles' tragic play of the same title. Written in Paris in 1942, when Nazi forces occupied France, this adaptation depicts an authoritarian regime centered around the central character, the young Antigone.

Directed by **Kellie Nitkin**, Anouilh's deeply moving plot revolves around the conflict between the idealist Antigone and her rigid uncle, Creon, over the proper burial of Antigone's brother, Polynices. The play was also interpreted to represent the struggle of the French Resistance movement against the forces of the Vichy government during the height of Nazi occupation.

Seen through the viewpoint of our current time, *Antigone* raises crucial questions – when the towers of society, politics or finance are crumbling around us, do we fight for what works even if it's wrong or do we fight for what's right even if that means our end? *Antigone* rips into these timeless issues and societal struggles, dissecting integrity versus compromise and arguing divine law versus human law.

In the original, Antigone is a powerful, right character, almost a martyr, and Creon is

portrayed as a horrible villain. This version, however, is much different than the 5th-century tragedy, because no one is wrong. The way it's written, the audience seems to be given a choice about who to side with. This battle of wits is the crux of the show— the irresistible force meeting the immovable object, and you may choose your own measure of ethical judgment individually.

**Kaylie Flowers**, a 14-year-old freshman at APA, embodies fully the stubborn, rebellious title role as Antigone. **Jacob Menke** plays her uncle Creon, evoking both disdain and sympathy from the audience with the part. The entire cast has effectively created complex, fully realized characters, leaving you dealing with heavy dramatic themes of death, justice and betrayal as you leave the theatre.

"This is a pre-professional training program, which means that whether these kids go on to pursue the arts is sort of irrelevant because they're in the program now, so I have to treat everyone as if they're intending to go out into the acting world after high school," the director said. "Morphing your looks is fortunately and unfortunately part of this business.... These kids are ready to tackle some drama, and not the typical comedies, because the APA program preps them for it."

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### Antigone (cont.)

Antigone: Kaylie Flowers Creon: Jacob Menke Ismene: Haley Blizzard Haemon: Jake Webber Nurse: Valerie Robfogel Guard/First Guard: William Boyer Montgomery Guard: Jacob Mesa Third Guard: Daniel Lesnick Messenger: Foster Kirkonnell Page: Sophia Shajari Eurydice: Caitlynn Yates Lead Chorus/Chorus 1: Alyssa Hall Chorus 2: Cassie Walsh Chorus 3: Ayla Valentine Chorus 4: Tatum Allen

Understudy Chorus: Kylie Martinson Understudy Antigone/Ismene: Tatum Allen Understudy Creon/Haemon: Daniel Lesnick Understudy Guards: Erik Drake Understudy Nurse: Catlynn Yates

Director: Kellie Nitkin Assistant Director: Catlynn Yates Technical Director: Klegmer Bonifacio Lighting Design: Stephanie Laing Costume Supervision: Courtney Suter Gilo Costume Design: Chelsea Lucas and Marissa Sellars











**Pippin** March 11-20, 2016



The Huntington Beach Union High School Academy for the Performing Arts in Huntington Beach is presenting the musical "Pippin," directed by **Tim Nelson**, at the Historic Auditorium and Bell Tower Theatre beginning March 11th and continuing through March 20th, 2016. Pippin is a Tony Award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Roger O. Hirson. Bob Fosse, who directed the original Broadway production, also contributed to the libretto. The musical uses the premise of a mysterious performance troupe, led by a Leading Player, to tell the story of Pippin, a young prince on his search for meaning and significance. The cast at APA was honored recently when one of their alumni, **Kyle Selig**, became a guest artist production assistant with the show. Kyle graduated from the APA program in 2010 and has not only played the role of Pippin in the National Tour, but also just closed in "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway.

*Pippin* was originally conceived as an independent student project musical by Stephen Schwartz while at Carnegie Mellon entitled Pippin, Pippin and performed by Carnegie Mellon University's Scotch'n'Soda theatre troupe. Later, Schwartz decided to develop the show further, but said that not a single line or note that was in the original show at Carnegie Mellon had made it into the final show we see today.

The protagonist Pippin and his father Charlemagne are characters derived from two reallife individuals of the early Middle Ages, though the plot presents no historical accuracy regarding either. The play instead derives itself from the old Burlesque of Faust.

The play begins with the Leading Player of a troupe and the accompanying actors in various costume pieces of several different time periods, establishing the play's unconventional feel. The Leading Player begins a story about a boy prince searching for existential fulfillment. They reveal that the boy who is to play the prince, named Pippin, is a novice actor. Pippin talks to scholars of his dreams to find where he belongs ("Corner of the Sky"), and they happily applaud Pippin on his ambitious quest for an extraordinary life. Pippin then returns home to the castle of his father, King Charles (known as "Charlemagne"). Charlemagne and Pippin don't get a chance to communicate often, as they are interrupted by nobles, soldiers, and courtiers all vying for Charlemagne's attention, and Charlemagne is clearly uncomfortable speaking with his educated son or expressing any real loving emotions. Pippin also meets up with his stepmother Fastrada, and her dim-witted son Lewis (**Sam Melvin**). Charlemagne and Pippin begs Charlemagne to take him along so as to prove himself. Charlemagne reluctantly agrees and proceeds to explain a battle plan to his men ("War is a Science").



### Pippin (cont.)

Once in battle, the Leading Player re-enters to lead the troupe in a mock battle using top hats, canes, and fancy jazz to glorify warfare and violence ("Glory"), with the Leading Player and two lead dancers performing in the middle. This charade of war does not appeal to Pippin, and he flees into the countryside. The Leading Player tells the audience of Pippin's travels through the country, until he stops at his exiled grandmother's estate ("Simple Joys"). There, Berthe (played by **Laura Harris**) tells Pippin not to be so serious and to live a little ("No Time At All"). Pippin takes this advice and decides to search for something a bit more lighthearted ("With You"). While he initially enjoys many meaningless encounters, he soon discovers that relationships without love leave you "empty and unfulfilled."



The Leading Player then tells Pippin that perhaps he should

fight tyranny, and uses Charlemagne as a perfect example of an uneducated tyrant to fight. Pippin plans a revolution, and Fastrada is delighted to hear that perhaps Charlemagne and Pippin will both perish so that her beloved Lewis can become king. Fastrada arranges the murder of Charlemagne, and Pippin falls victim to her plot ("Spread a Little Sunshine"). While Charlemagne is praying at Arles, Pippin murders him, and becomes the new king ("Morning Glow"). End of Act 1. The Leading Player mentions to the audience that they will break for now, but to expect a thoroughly thrilling finale upon returning.

"Pippin" cannot succeed without a magnetic leading player, and it has one here in the person of **Taylor Aragon**, who is as accomplished a dancer as she is a singer, riding confident herd over the swirling proceedings.

Handsome **Cole Wachman** delivers a sweetly earnest Pippin with just a touch of nerd. His earlier mentioned "Corner of the Sky" is first-rate, and it's delightful when he suddenly snaps to as an expert dancer in "On the Right Track" after previously exhibiting something of a rhythm deficit. Adrian Villegas does big, bold, and sly work as Charlemagne, funny in his inborn macho bluster and oddly touching in his relationship with his son. Autumn Kirkpatrick plays Charlemagne's scheming wife, Fastrada, while looking stunning and dancing like a dream. Allyson Peffers shines as Catherine, the widow whose farm Pippin



agrees to help operate for a while. With a slight rasp in her voice and an endearingly spacey personality, Allyson's Catherine is reticent but determined, and the actor's wonderful rendition of "Kind of Woman" rings with rectitude.

Tim Nelson is in his 19th year directing at APA and is an accomplished symphony musician as well as author, performer and conductor. Recent shows at The Academy of Performing Arts include *City of Angels, Light in the Piazza, Secret Garden* and *Miss* 

Saigon. Award-winning **Diane Makas**, APA's Artistic Director and Choreographer, is now in her 20th year at the school, and is at the helm of the Academy, having propelled hundreds of student artists into the entertainment industry. And **Greg Gilboe**, Director of Instrumental Music at HBHS, is celebrating his 46th extraordinary theatrical production as orchestra director with APA.

This show is one of APA's best to date, a tour de force of vocal genius, stunning athletic feats you simply cannot find in other settings, acting unsurpassed, and a paramount undertaking of choreography. You come expecting entertainment, and you are definitely not disappointed.

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### Pippin (cont.)

LEADING PLAYER: TAYLOR ARAGON PIPPIN: COLE WACHMAN **CATHERINE: ALLYSON PEFFERS** CHARLEMAGNE: ADRIAN VILLEGAS FASTRADA: AUTUMN KIRKPATRICK LEWIS: SAM MELVIN **BERTHE: LAURA HARRIS** THEO: SEAN MCCRIMMON **CONTORTIONISTS: MADDIE JACKSON, NOAH LABARE GYMNASTICS:** JORDYN FLETCHER JULIANA FOSTER ALYSSA PETELO AMANDA SPROWLS MARLEE TIERNEY SILKS: TESSA RAWLINSON **ROPES:** KYLE ANDREWS WILL BOYER-MONTGOMERY BRADON O'CONNELL GAVIN SHOBE

**PIT SINGING CHORUS:** KAI ARROYO ANDREA AUGUSTUS KYRA BAKLAYAN SARAH BIELICKI MIA BUCK HEATHER BUCKLER VIVIAN CRONK SIERRA DARWIN CASSIDY DORAIN CARA FITZGERALD ANNALISE FUJII CHLOE HUBBARD JACOB KURIHARA ANNALIESE LEACH SYDNEY MILO CLAIRE SALA BELLA SAPORITO JORDAN SCHOHET

GYMNASTIC BALLS: SARAH DROKER ALYSSA PETELO TESSA RAWLINSON JESSICA RUGGIERO AMY TWISSELMANN MADDIE WEBB

DANCE CORE: ADAM BLANCHARD ALLISON BOSSART SOPHIA COURTEMARCHE BRENNA DONOVAN ELIZABETH HEARN MOLLIE HERSH SAMANTHA HOWARD SELAH RABIN TESSA RAWLINSON JESSICA RUGGIERO AUSTIN SCHULTE AUTUMN THELANDER HELEN THORNE









### Pippin (cont.)

#### **VOCAL/DANCE ENSEMBLE:**

ZAREH ASAD FREDDY BUCHANAN GRACE BOWEN KATHERINE CHATMAN SARAH DROKER JULIANA FOSTER LEAH GATES ALBERTO HERNANDEZ JENNY HUDSON ROSSELLA JULIANO BLAKE LASZLO KAT LEWIS EMILY MICHELS KAMARI RHONE JULIA STRATTON PAIGE TAYLOR MARLEE TIERNEY AMY TWISSELMANN MARCUS VEYETTE NINA WHEELER

#### **CHORAL ENSEMBLE:** LAUREN BEEBE MADDIE BENSON WILLIAM BOYER-MONTGOMERY YASMIN COCOTIS ANGELA FINKLEY ANNALISE FOX GRACE GILLETT ALYSSA GRAVES CHYNA GUDGEL JORDAN HALLORAN RILEY HAYWARD RYLIE HERBEL DARLA JACOBS SHANNON JOHNSON MAGGIE KELLER MICHAEL KRIESEL NOAH LABARE CASSIDY LOVE ALICIA MANSFIELD ALEX MCCRIMMON MALIA MERRILL SETH MERRILL **BAILEE O'CONNELL** JESSIE PATZLAFF MATTHEW RANGEL EMMA RUTKOWSKI HANNAH SCHOONER GAVIN SCHOBE DOROTHEA SIEBERT VON FOCK VICTORIA STEWART, LAUREN WATKINS DAMON WILLIAMS JOSIE YADRICK CLAYTON ZARATE **Director: TIM NELSON** Costume Design: COURTNEY GILIO Hair/Makeup: BRIDGET MCCAIN Set Design: DELANEY RAUPP Lighting Design: JOSH BEHRENS Stage Sound Engineer: SAM MOSS Auditorium Sound: RANDY STEVENS Choreographer: DIANE MAKAS Musical Direction: TIM NELSON Orchestra Conductor: GREGG GILBOE





#### On the Razzle April 14-17, 2016

Weinbert: Jacob Menke Christopher: Andy Jacobson Sonders: Jake Webber Marie: Shannon Mahoney Zangler: Grant Rincon Melchior: Sam Johnson Madame Knorr: Alyssa Hall Frau Fischer: Kate Napoli Miss Blumenblatt: Cassie Kirkconnell Gertrud: Emma Baltadano A Foreigner: Yvonne Gonzales Hupfer: Max Vallocchia Marie: Haley Blizzard Hupfer: Nathan Coffey. Lightning: Kenny Cook And Sam Parks Parade Singing Star: Rosella Juliano **Phillipine:** Fionna Mahaffey Frau Fischer: Sidney Farrar Italian Waiter: Jacob Mesa Coachman: Jake Schroeder Waitresses: Tavlor Thomas Madi Hammonds Kaylie Flowers German Man: James Volonte German Woman: Lucy O'connell Scots Man: Christopher Delfino Scots Woman: Ilana Simon Scots Woman: Valerie Robfogel Head Waitress: Makena Low Piper: Nathan Coffey **Piper:** Max Vallocchiapiper **Constable:** Daniel Lesnick Bus Boy: Matthew Miltmore Miss Blumenblatt: Makenzie Hajek Lisette: Rachel Fishbough Parrot: Zack Ali Ragamuffin: Erik Drake **Guest Parade Performers:** Siena Fedak Coral Gangitano Alicia Mansfield Bradon O'connell Calvin Proctor





#### **Ensemble:**

Tatum Allen, Brigette Butler, Nathan Coffey, Kenny Cook, Jacky Dang, Zoee Gallego, Isabelle Krajewski, Katherine Lane, Levi Lindsey, Faith Longo, Kylie Martinson, Amber Mccready, Matthew Miltmore, Carolyn Nguyen, Christine Outlaw, Mia Palacious, Sam Parks, Olivia Pfost, Chloe Riederich, Dylan Schmoll, Sophia Shajari, Ilana Simon, Sydney Stapp, Danielle Tolentino, Isabel Ucar, Jackie Urquieta, Ayla Valentine, Max Vallocchia, Destiny Van Wormer, Izabella Volkov, Catlynn Yates

Director: Robert Rotenberry Costume Design: Gianna Francisco, Reanne Wang, Kamari Rhone Hair/Makeup: Gianna Francisco, Reanne Wang, Kamari Rhone Set Design: Isabella DiLauro, Tatyana Miller Lighting Design: Faith Burke Sound Design: Bradon O'Connell

### On the Razzle (cont.)





### On the Razzle (cont.)





Musicville March 19, 2016





### Musicville (cont.)

Tangy Error: Sammie Shon Breath-Mark: Sarah Glovenella Bitty Bass: Sarah Smith Melody Meadows Ensemble: Sean Skenes Doo Wop Ensemble: Sebastian Eiguerra Maiden Melody: Sophia Anapoell Eighth-Rest: Sophie Jacobs Talented Tenor: Sunny Martin Stage Crew: Sydney Kubic Melody Meadows Ensemble: Taylor Simmons Doo Wop 1: Tyler Brennan Stage Crew: Tysen Miller Low E: Vincent Caito Tanguerro Ensemble: Vivian Miller

~ Toy Story ~

Sarge: Aidan Busenberg, Henry Sibert Soldier 1: Andrew Lim Teddy: Aubrey Close, Jax Robles Bo Peep: Avery Rys, Eva Newton Soldier 2: Bodie Rieden Mrs. Potato Head: Brooke Mendoza, Stella Day Jesse: Brynn Savage, Olivia McAdam Bullseye: Daniel Scuri Woody: Darren Brusky, Tommy Jacobs Dolly 2: Gemma Panicola, Sabree Flores Mr. Potato Head: Hudson Mervine Barbie: Jillian Kirtland, Vanessa Weber Stage Crew: Jake Brunell

Stage Crew: Katelyn Little Daisy: Kaycie Kaiser Stage Crew: Lauren Sherlock **Rex:** Liam Majerus Hamm: Lila Layton Rex: Luc Simmons Slinky: Matthew Vo **Dolly 1:** Naomi Jones Buttercup: Paige Manley Daisy: Polina Zranov **Buzz:** Parker Nichols Wheezy: Rachel Ma Hamm: Regan Graff Little Alien: Shyla Garg Little Alien: Siena Velastegui Stage Crew: Sofia Zoccoli Wheezy: Sydney Halka Wheezy Mrs. Potato Head: Stella Day Woody: Tommy Jacobs

Director: Toy Story: Vera Jacobs Musicville: Megan Ervoes & Cori Hirsh Costume Design: Kerry Polich, Megan Ervoes, Andee Pfeiffer, Rania Radieddine Hair/Makeup Design: Kerry Polich, Megan Ervoes, Andee Pfeiffer, Rania Radieddine Set Design: Denise Weber Lighting and Sound Design: Lee Jacobs Choreographer: Jenn Krueger, Tricia Burke, Kira Martin Musical Direction: Megan Ervoes, Cori Hirsh, Vera Jacobs





### Musicville (cont.)



### Musicville (cont.)













### **Chapman University**

Hair April 21-22, 2016

Ensemble: Antonio Onofre Abarca V Woof: Parker Apple Sheila: Anna Belmer Jeanie: Victoria Bohush **Ensemble:** Savannah Fine Ensemble: Dominique Grund Ensemble: Nadia Hayford Dionne: Samantha Isidro Ensemble: Casey Purlia Johnson Margaret Meade: Aaron Daniel Jacob Claude: Austin Kinzer Ensemble: McKenna Koledo Hud: Rejhii Martin Ensemble: Annie Mullee Ensemble: Arianna Ngnomire Crissy: McKenna Ryan Ensemble: Kalen Saito Ensemble: Athena Saxon Berger: Jordan Schneider **Ensemble:** Natalie Teichman **Ensemble:** Scarlett Turner Ensemble: Imani Woodley Ensemble: Jordan Yampolsky



Co-Director/Executive Producer: Shannon Corenthin Co-Director/Executive Producer: Tosh Turner Producer & Co-Audio Designer: Adam Breunig Musical Director & Keyboard I/Conductor: Cole Jackson Keyboard II: Josh Warren Electric Guitar: Pete Jonas Bass: Dylan Kanner Baritone Saxophone/Woodwinds: Matt Mattila **Drums:** Leila Jones Percussion: Katie Ekam Choreographers: Spencer Biggs, Chris Marks, Courtney Zelter Technical Director: Garron Rodgers Lighting Designer: Taylor Maurer Asst. Lighting Designer: Ian James Set, Hair & Makeup Designer/ Projection Programmer: Matt Eisenmann **Projection Content Designer,** Co-Sound Designer: Amanda Burtness **Costume Designer/Asst. Director:** Nikki Thompson Asst. Director/Costume Designer: Lena Romano Wig Stylist/Master Carpenter: Nikki Freed Stage Manager: Margot New Dramaturg: Katie Dumas





# **Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions**

Dog Sees God April 29-30, 2016

C.B.: Kyle Bode C.B.'s Sister: Tamar Rubin Van: Dominic Leduc Matt: Christian Vunipola Beethoven: Jeremy Garcia Marcy: Kassidy Ordish Tricia: Bella Urbani Van's Sister: Sarah Rochelle

Director: Paris Arrowsmith Costume Design: Paris Arrowsmith / Sarah Rochelle Hair/Makeup: Paris Arrowsmith / Sarah Rochelle Set Design: Paris Arrowsmith / Sarah Rochelle Lighting Design: Ilana Roth / Jack Irvine Sound Design: Ilana Roth / Jack Irvine











# **Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions**

### Dog Sees God (cont.)



# **Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions**

### Dog Sees God (cont.)



# **Fullerton Union High School**

The 39 Steps November 6-14, 2015

Richard Hannay: Josiah Haugen Key Stone Cop, Mrs. Jordan, and Ensemble: Ana Bane Salesman 1, Policeman 1, Paperboy, Professor, Mrs. McGarrigle, and Ensemble: Zachary Bane Audience Member, Pilot 2, Paladium Curtain Act, Keystone Cop, and Ensemble: Natalie Carter Compere, Margaret, Dunwoody, and Ensemble: Arcadia Eckmayer Annabella Schmidt and McQuarrie: Alexa Hillman Key Stone Cop, Dancer, Paladium Curtain Act, and Ensemble: Abigail Lange Mr. Memory, Milkman, Crofter, Sheriff, Heavy 1, Bagpiper, Mr. McGarrigle, and Ensemble: Patrick Lines Spy in Trench Coat, Key Stone Cop, Paladium Curtain Act, and Ensemble: Jaemil Llamas Salesman 2, Paperboy, Porter, Policeman 2, Heavy 2, Detective Chief Inspector, and Ensemble: Devin Ricklef Audience Member, Key Stone Cop, Pilot 1, Paladium Announcer, and Ensemble: Adam Rooney Pamela: Nicole Wormley Mrs. Higgins, KeyStone Cop, and Ensemble: Ginger Tan Spy in Trench Coat,KeyStone Cop, & Ensemble: Cody Ziegler Clowns: Lindsey Biggy, Elizabeth Gimple, Janine Lutfi

Director: Michael Despars Costume Design: Beverly Shirk, Sonia Mendez Hair/Makeup: Savannah Higginbotham, Caroline Bilger Set Design: Lynda Osborn Lighting Design: Katya Beener Sound Design: Sophia Veasy Choreographer: Zachary Hillman







# **Fullerton Union High School**

### The 39 Steps (cont.)



### **Fullerton Union High School**

Sweeney Todd March 4-12, 2016

Sweeney Todd: Alex Gotch Mrs. Lovett: Alexa Hillman Johanna: Grace Weatrowski Anthony Hope: Adam Ritter Tobias Ragg: Devin Ricklef Judge Turpin: Zachary Bane Beggar Woman: Sarah Ritter Adolfo Pirelli: Michael Laverde Beadle Bamford: Samuel Derro Jonas Fogg: Lindsey Biggy Customer's Wife/Lunatic: Ana Bane Young Prisoner/Child And Company: Timothy Coleman Sweeney Todd: Josiah Haugen Mrs. Lovett: Nicole Wormley Johanna: Emma Kremer Beadle Bamford: Noah Martinez Jonas Fogg: Daniel Chaderjian Lunatic: Caroline Bilger Lunatic: Natalie Carter Lunatic: Kimberly Duck Lunatic: Elizabeth Gimple Lunatic: Allison Jeu Lunatic: Breanna Love Lunatic: Janine Lutfi Police Ofc: Tate Heinle Police Chief: Vladimir Meza Police Ofc: Victor Nava Police Ofc: Jacob Stephens Police Ofc, Barber Cust: Joshua Villegas Police Ofc, Passerby: Cody Ziegler Lunatic: Nickola Orr Lunatic: Phoebe Rodriguez Lunatic: Ashley Shilts Lunatic: Noelle Sumner Grave Digger, Young Sweeney: Adam Rooney

Director: Michael J.Despars Costume Designer: Beverly Shirk Hair/Makeup Designer: Caroline Bilger Set Designer: Lynda Osborn Lighting Designer: Katya Beener And Patrick Lines Sound Designer: Sophia Veasy Choreographer: Evona Markanian Musical Director: Scott Hedgecock Orchestra Conductor: Troy Trimble









# **Golden West College**

### **Mary Poppins**

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins" takes the stage at Golden West's Mainstage Theatre April 29th through May 8th at Golden West College, Huntington Beach.

One of the most popular Disney movies of all time captured hearts over five decades ago in a 1964 musical fantasy film featuring live action with animation. The musical -a practically perfect musical - is a fusion of various elements from the two! It is a feast for the eyes and ears, an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs, breathtaking dance numbers, and astonishing stagecraft. Even grownups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

Based on the delightful books by P.L. Travers, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh, Mary Poppins was nominated for nine Olivier awards in London and seven TONY Awards 2007, including Best Musical. Original music and lyrics were by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman.



There is an extraordinary amount of expertise visible onstage and off, strikingly both directed and choreographed by Martie Ramm,

who has an extensive directing background and actually started her career at Walt Disney Productions as a dancing Mary Poppins. Orchestra and Music Direction was skillfully performed by Rick Heckman. Scenic Design by Kevin Clowes gave an authentic look to old London housetops and dwellings. Carin Jacobs' makeup and costume design, along with Wig and Hair expert Laura Hughes amply deserves much praise as well, giving the audience the feeling of being in the original Tony Award-winning Broadway show. The production boasts an especially strong and well-drilled ensemble, with plenty of real dancing and stentorian choral work. The show is comprised of cast and crew members who are all students enrolled in Golden West College play production courses.

Bert, a man of many professions (played by Zackery White), introduces the audience to Cherry Tree Lane with a rousing rendition of Chim Chim Cheree and Cherry Tree Lane. Number 17 is where the Banks family lives: George and Winifred Banks (Jay Harbison and Shawna Skipps), their two



naughty children Jane and Michael (Caroline Kennedy and Colin Eaton), their cook, Mrs. Brill (Nicole Kelder), and their odd-job man, Robertson Ay (Brigham Hughes). Although the parents are also slightly dysfunctional, Jane and Michael are constantly sassing and fighting and without proper supervision from a reliable nanny.

Mary Poppins (Dayna Sauble) answers an advertisement written by the children and within moments arrives and takes charge of the Banks children, having every confidence in her own qualifications and merits ("Practically Perfect").

The earliest indication of Mary Poppins' magical abilities in the show is seen during the sequence in which she

unpacks her carpet bag. Mary Poppins first removes a hat and coat stang, then places the bag on a table and removes a tall potted plant, a table lamp, and a wall mirror. Other effects in the show include the Spoonful of Sugar sequence in which the kitchen is wrecked and is then magically restored, and of course, Mary Poppins flying over the rooftops with her umbrella. Some of the scenes apparently were deemed too scary for small children during the original run on Broadway. Children under three were banned and could not enter the theatre. Although unsaid in the script or dialogue, there is a moment where you think to yourself that



the duel between the two nannies, Mary Poppins and Miss Andrew (the childhood nanny of Mr. Banks, played by Carrie

# **Golden West College**

### Mary Poppins (cont.)

Theodossin), and the subsequent actual demise of Miss Andrew, was the work of an enchantress, one good and one evil.

A notable featured performance was by Georgina Treasure, playing the Bird Woman, and I'm sure captured some misty eyes in the theatre.

The sold-out crowd at Mainstage Theatre and the audience's warm-hearted reaction reflected the success of the show. The quality of the acting, singing and dancing, along with the general sparkle of the show's set was simply amazing to see. I left feeling exhilarated and wellentertained, humming Chim Chim Cheree all the way home.

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Mary Poppins: Dayna Sauble Jane Banks: Caroline Kennedy Michael Banks: Colin Eaton George Banks: Jav Harbison Winifred Banks: Shawna Skipps Bert: Zackery White Mrs. Brill: Nicole Kelder **Robertson Ay:** Brigham Hughes Bird Woman: Georgina Treasure Miss Andrew: Carrie Theodossin Bank Chairman/Admiral Boom/ Park Keeper: Tony Sanchez Katie Nanna: Kyra Olschewske Alternate Jane Banks: Ava Stieler Alternate Michael Banks: Gilbert Aquirre Policeman: Adam Breaux Miss Lark: Becka Levy Neleus: Seymour Flick Miss Smythe: Lisa Meert Von Hussler: Devon Suraco Mrs. Corry: Brenda Oen Valentine: Luke La Rosa







**Ensemble:** 

Lydia Brant, Danielle Canas, Alyssa Heckman, Becka Levy, Lydia Mcdonald, Maggie Mcdougall, Lisa Meert, Kyra Olschewske, Alicia Phuengsomboonying, Augustina Rios, Tasha Skipps, Arianna Strickland, Emily Turner, Lauren Wood, Matt Braun, Adam Breaux, Anthony Cervallos, Matthew Cobb, Michael Gallardo, Larry Hart, Jason Johnson, Joey Perkins, Devon Suraco...

Director: MARTIE RAMM Costume Design: CARIN JACOBS Hair/Makeup: LAURA HUGHES Set Design: KEVIN CLOWES Lighting Design: ROBERT MUMM Sound Design: DAVE MICKEY Choreographer: MARTIE RAMM Musical Direction: RICK HECKMAN



# **Junior Thespian Productions**

**Oliver!** February 19-21, 2016

**Oliver:** Emiliano Curiel Artful Dodger: Taylor Penny Fagin: Tommy Nellesen Bill Sykes: Andy Van Driesen Nancy: Sara Lloyd Mr. Bumble: Jake Shaw Widow Corney: Brianna Cralley Mrs. Sowerberry: Meggie Rocha Mr. Sowerberry/Mr. Brownlow: Matt Leon Noah Claypole: Samuel George Charlotte: Brianna Campos Mrs. Bedwin: JoJo Watson Nancy's Girls: Anna DiCrisi Anya Ibasco Caroline Linton Londoners: Alyah Medina Isabelle Reeb Nadia Valenzuela Fagin's Gang: June Bodnariuk Alexandra Bohn Marcus Dejesus Sammi DiCrisi Jocelyn Duarte Jaclyn Feliciano Giselle Gomez Isabella Grisotti Diego Hood-Sanchez **Riley** Lewis Lucia Mendoza Avery Rabargo Leilanie Rufino Forrester Tagaloa

Director: Jeanne Nellesen Costume Design: Holly Nellesen Hair/Makeup Design: Holly Nellesen Set Design: Scott Kahler Lighting Design: Tyna Kennedy Sound Design: Katie DeCreny Choreographer: Carrie Shaw Musical Director: Katie DeCreny

Juliana Valadez







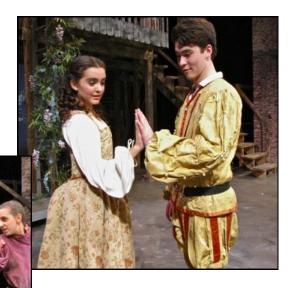
### Laguna Playhouse

#### **Romeo and Juliet** November 12-13, 2015

Romeo: Ryan Han Juliet/Mercutio: McCallister Selva Juliet/Mercutio: Siena Yusi Lord Capulet: Charlie McClung Lady Capulet: Chloe Sullivan Nurse: Claire Day Tybalt: Shannon Michael Wamser Peter: Trevor Yusi Sampson: Katie Palino Gregory: Jayden Goodman Vincenzo: Samia El-Erian Lord Montague: Alan Slabodkin Lady Montague: Isabelle Schoenhoefer Benvolio: Joey Laderer Balthazar: Emmalisa Randrup Abraham: Ouinton Yusi Prince Escalus: Troy Huyen Paris: Robert Born Page: Isabella Saunders Friar Laurence: Benjamin Morrow Friar John/Ensemble: Faith Ackley Apothecary: Nikolai Tereschenko **Ensemble:** Sophia Haslett Holden Moll Bridget Phillips Ella Thimons Abigail Williams

Director: Donna Inglima Artistic Director: Ann E. Wareham Scenic Designer: Jim Prodger Costume Designer: Dwight Richard Odle Lighting Designer: Glenn Powell Sound Designer: Juan Sanson Dance Choreographer: Ellen Price Fight Choreographer: Shannon Michael Wamser









## Laguna Playhouse

Zombie in Love April 8-17, 2016

Mortimer: Ryan Han Mildred: Siena Yusi Rodney: Trevor Yusi Best Friend #1: Sophia Haslett Best Friend #2: Jayden Goodman Date - Heart: Samia El-Erian Date - Candy: Nini Guerry Date - Ring: Victoria Thompson Teacher: Marco A. Carreon Worms: Leo Hekma Benji Jenkins Isabelle Saunders Abigail Williams High School Students: Colter Alves Robert Born Olivia Devito Troy Huyen Quinton Yusi

Director: Kelly Herman Scenic Designer: Jim Prodger Sound Designer: Juan Sanson Costume Design: Christina Marie Perez Choreographer: Marco A. Carreon Musical Director: Diane King Vann Lighting Designer: Glenn Powell









#### The Odd Couple September 24-26, 2015

*The Odd Couple*, following its premiere on Broadway in 1965, was revived in a successful 1968 film and television series centered around the male leads, and then again later in 1985 to feature a pair of female roommates (Florence Ungar and Olive Madison) in *The Female Odd Couple*.

The setup is pretty much what you would expect. Olive is a newscaster who is single and lives alone until Florence, recently separated from her husband, moves in and neurotically tries to clean up Olive's sloppy life. They drive each other nuts, and the audience gets to enjoy the aftermath. Some of the original one-liner zingers are also used in the female adaptation, such as: "You're going to eat food from that refrigerator? I saw milk standing in there that wasn't even in the bottle!"



"The Odd Couple (Female Version)" does

features plenty of girl power on display with Mission Viejo High School's current staging — spotlighting a cast of seasoned high school players that was truly laugh out-loud funny!

Katie Van Horn is the picture of neuroses as fussy Florence, fluttering about the stage in fits of martyred cleanliness. And although Genna Hewett-Abbott seems far too put together for messy sportswriter Olive, she delivers her lines with understated style.

The mismatched roommates are joined by a crew of wisecracking gal pals, who gather in Olive's apartment for cutthroat rounds of *Trivial Pursuit* ather than poker. Director Lisa Goins, along with Producer Kathy Cannarozzi Harris, has assembled a number of favorites here, including Hailey Buck, Holly Roehl, Virginia Rumbaugh and Miranda Cowdrey. There's a nice sense of camaraderie among the women, who trade verbal barbs like pros.

Everyone seemed a bit tentative in the first few minutes Saturday evening, but the cast soon settled into a comfortable groove, making the most of the play's gentle humor. And Act II receives a solid boost of hilarity with the arrival of Spanish neighbors Manolo and Jesus, who show up for a delightfully disastrous dinner party. **Trevor Casillas** and **Jared Pugh** are clearly having fun as the eccentric Spaniards. But again, the physical humor far outweighs some of the tepid laugh lines — which rely primarily on language barriers and stereotypes.

My first time seeing the female version of the play, and I was delighted with the result. Mission Viejo High School created a masterpiece on stage, combining an ensemble of proven talent that delivered the goods and left you chuckling all the way home.

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### The Odd Couple (cont.)

#### ~ Female Version Cast ~

Sylvie: Hailey Buck Mickey: Holly Roehl Renee: Virginia Rumbaugh Vera: Miranda Cowdrey Olive Madison: Genna Hewett-Abbott Florence Unger: Katie Van Horn Manolo Costazuela: Trevor Casillas Jesus Costazuela: Jared Pugh

Director: Lisa Goins Producer: Kathy Harris Hair/Makeup: Corissa Sellers / Rachel Heurlin Set: MVHS StageCraft Class Lighting Design: Hunter Berriee / Chris Fadling Sound Design: Jackson Maxwell / Ameena Yameen





#### Seussical November 18-19, 2015

Cat In The Hat: Jeffrey Baker Horton: Ben Sellers JoJo: Devoree Shields Gertrude: Hope Spires Mayzie: Kayla Morgan Sour Kangaroo: Natalie Patrick Mr. Mayor: Sean Martin Mrs. Mayor: Adele Soonthornyanakij Baby Kangaroo: Ruth Nair Bird Girls: Abigayle DuChateau Echo Hewatt Molly Heald Wickershim Boys: Hailey Eckhaus Quinn Shannon Zach Dove Alex Murg Ensemble: Lauren Jagger Kaitlyn Barton Faith Cookston Kaitlin McNeil Savannah McDermott Lexi Forehand Rhiaha Schatz Dani Masler Sarah Serfaty Director: Ms. Lisa Goins **Costume Design:** Hanna Prowse Amanda Wagner Tyler Rosecrans

Tyler Rosecrans Hair/Makeup Design: Hanna Prowse Amanda Wagner Tyler Rosecrans Set Design: Mr. Matthew White/MVHS StageCraft Class Lighting Design: Isabelle Johnson Sound Design: Ameena Yameen/Brady Phillips Choreographer: Abigayle DuChateau Kayla Morgan Natalie Patrick







#### The Children's Hour December 3-5, 2015

Mission Viejo High School Drama presents "The Children's Hour," directed by Kathy Cannarozzi Harris, on December 3rd, 4th and 5th at 7:00 pm at the Performing Arts Theater on the MVHS campus. This thought-provoking little episode of extortion hinges on an unfounded accusation that two women who run a private girl's boarding school in 1930's New England are lovers.

The lie seeps through the lives of the two women like a slow poison, depriving them of far more than their livelihoods. The script documents full well how utterly ruinous it was in the early decades of this century for a person to be touched by even a rumor of homosexuality, true or false. As the play unfolds on this social stigma, it takes on more universal themes of good and evil.

Played wonderfully by Virginia Rumbaugh, an honor thespian, Mary is the quintessential bad seed and a born manipulator who sets the action in motion by whispering lies to her wealthy grandmother, Amelia Tilford (Bianca Beach), and it is to her grandmother she flees when she runs away from school and begins spreading rumors about the "unnatural" relationship between Martha and Karen. But the seed manages to thrive only because it's nourished by the adults around her. Their thoughtless willingness to casually destroy other people's lives is more evil than Mary's pure malice.



The production features Hailey Buck as Karen Wright and Mary Desmond as Martha Dobie. Trevor Casillas is Dr. Joe Cardin, Karen's fiance, and Jordanne Hamilton plays the eccentric Mrs. Lily Mortar. Bianca Beach enthralls as Mrs. Amelia Tilford and Virginia Rumbaugh captivates as the vindictive schoolgirl Mary Tilford. The cast is completed by Corissa Sellers, Rachel Heurlin, Bridget Chu, Katie Agrela, Lexi Reagan, Bree Ben Joseph, Allison Franke, Bailey Clement and Peyton Sparks as the schoolgirls, and Tyler Rosencrans as the Grocery Boy.

Mary (Virginia) does an admirable job of playing the bully to her school friends, as well as manipulating her doddering-butinfluential grandmother and throwing all-out tantrums when she appears to be running out of convincing lies. Trevor, as Dr. Joe, is delightfully loyal, both boyish and pragmatic, and it seems possible that the young doctor might save the day in the end. And Corissa Sellers as Mrs. Tilford's maid Agatha is so clipped and no-nonsense it's obvious that had Agatha raised Mary, the bad girl might have actually been a good girl. Hailey and Mary, as Karen and Martha, are at the heart of the play and they both reflect refinement, decency, and sometimes emotional transparency, especially in their unhappiness and confusion in the final scenes. The role of Karen

throws a twist in at the end — something that not many, unless frighteningly observant anticipate. As she weeps in her despondency and and retires to her upstairs room, a shot rings out... an apparent suicide. And a victim of society.

"I love this play by Lillian Hellman," says Kathy Cannarozzi Harris, " because it is so well written and even though it caused quite a controversy in 1934 and the 1960's it has stood the test of time with it's message. The idea of it all starting with one little lie and dealing with a homophobic society, bullying and rash judgements makes this a wonderful tragedy to work on with teenage actors."

Couldn't have said it better, Kathy!

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### The Children's Hour (cont.)

Mary Tilford: Virginia Rumbaugh Karen Wright: Hailey Buck Martha Dobie: Mary Desmond Dr. Joe Cardin: Trevor Casillas Mrs. Amelia Tilford: Bianca Beach Mrs. Lily Mortar: Jordanne Hamilton Grocery Boy: Tyler Rosencrans Agatha: Corissa Sellers Rosalie: Rachel Heurlin Evelyn: Bridget Chu Peggy: Katie Agrela Lois: Lexi Reagan Catherine: Bree Ben Joseph Helen: Allison Franke Janet: Bailey Clement Leslie: Peyton Sparks

Director: Mrs. Kathy Cannarozzi Harris Costume Design: Mrs. Erin Harris Hair/Makeup Design: Katie Van Horn Set Design: MVHS StageCraft Class Lighting Design: Jared Pugh Sound Design: Ameena Yameen/Amanda Wagner





#### Sweet Charity April 28-May 7, 2016

Silence settles over the theatre as the first few melodies drift from the 26-piece orchestra. A catchy, toe-tapping rhythm begins, all-too-familiar songs smoothly transporting the audience into the world inhabited by Charity and her disparate gang of dance hall girls. It is the world of *Sweet Charity*, a musical that just finished its run with flair and expertise by the students of Mission Viejo High School. Directed by award-winning **Kathy Cannarozzi Harris**, the show had a packed house from April 28th through May 7th.

*Sweet Charity* was originally directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse, premièring on Broadway in 1966. It is the story of Charity Hope Valentine, a dancer-for-hire at a common dance hall, known as the Fandango Ballroom.

The script follows the optimistic Charity on her search for love, remaining hopeful despite her many difficulties. Her quest takes her to some very strange places. To name a few, she finds herself trapped in an elevator, pushed into a



lake, even hiding overnight in the closet of a movie star. Unfortunately for Charity, despite her ceaseless efforts, the men she goes out with never seem to reciprocate her affection. Regardless, Charity remains ever hopeful, and is determined to become something more than just a dance hall girl.

Veteran actress **Mary Desmond** ignited the stage, delivering a heart-stealing performance as Charity and embracing the quirky and hilarious nature of the lead character. Desmond's sweet, doe-eyed facial expressions and girlish giggles create a genuine air of love-struck hopefulness with every scene, and she seemed to have all eyes on her.

Her natural stage presence and comedic timing made her a perfect fit for the role. Charity's love interest, Oscar, was portrayed endearingly by **Ben Sellers**. He personified the shy, yet gentlemanly character that Charity ultimately falls in love with. Charity meets Oscar while stuck in an elevator, and from their first song *Bravest Individual*, Oscar and Charity had wonderful chemistry. Sellers had some of the strongest vocals of the evening, and he developed an offbeat character that the audience fell in love with. Their slightly awkward but very real relationship was adorable to watch unfold. The two become inseparable, but Charity struggles to share with him the truth about her lifestyle.

Talent was abundant throughout the cast. **John Scott Massey** as Herman (Charity's boss) was a master of comedic timing and had a startlingly potent singing voice. As movie star Vittorio Vidal, **Ryan Livesay** gave a stellar performance, Italian accent included. His congenial demeanor toward Charity along with his angst-ridden relationship with starlet Ursula March (**Bree Ben-Joseph**) made him a standout of the evening.

Actress Jenna Luck shines in her supporting role as Nikki, one of Charity's friends at the dance hall. Luck was the epitome of New York toughness, an audience favorite, displaying brilliant vocals and dancing ability, sass, and strong characterization, enabling her to steal the scene every time she was onstage. Kayla Morgan's performance as Charity's other friend, Helene, was dominated by her sweet and beautiful singing voice that was both powerful and emotive. She seemed to fit into the sultry world of the Fandango girls with ease. Jeffery Baker was also charismatic and upbeat in his role as Big Daddy Brubeck, the leader of the Rhythm of Life church. His eccentric character was a joy to watch. Baker also played a dual role as the Dirty Old Man.

The student technical team was strong across the board, directed by **Matthew White**. An outstanding contribution was from **Kristi Davar**, who



### Sweet Charity (cont.)

choreographed the show. Notable among that accomplishment was the jazz dance numbers by the ensemble, staying true to Fosse's style, which were in my opinion comparable to anything on Broadway. The student orchestra should be commended as well for the high quality talent in that department, as they backed up all the musical numbers with a strong baseline and great percussion. Musical direction was by **John Hannan** and Vocal direction was by **Diane King Vann**.

Mission Viejo High School's *Sweet Charity* was a successful illustration of humanity's greatest craving — the need for love. Although Charity found it hard to win a man's affection, she certainly won over the hearts of the audience. And as the curtain closed and well-deserved applause filled the theatre, there was no doubt that the performance wasn't anything less than sweet.

Performed April 28 - May 7, 2016

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Charity Hope Valentine: Mary Desmond Oscar Lindquist, Frug Dancer: Ben Sellers Nikki, Frug Dancer: Jenna Luck Helene, Frug Dancer: Kayla Morgan Herman: John Scott Massey Big Daddy, Dirty Old Man, Frug Dancer: Jeffery Baker Victorio Vidal: Ryan Livesay Ursula March, Frug Dancer: Bree Ben-Joseph Woman with Hat, Specialty Dancer: Katie Agrela First Young Man, Frug Dancer: Baxter Barlett Panhandler, Second Woman: Simar Boparai Good Fairy: Jenna Bowman Woman with Dog, Frenchie: Emily Boyer Married Woman, First Woman: Shekinah Bryant Married Man, Frug Dancer: Drew Calof Daddy's Assistant, Spanish Young Man, Doorman, Manfred: Trevor Casillas Betsy, Frug Dancer, Specialty Dancer: Miranda Cowdrey Elaine: Genna Hewett-Abbott Charlie, Frug Dancer: Sean Martin Ice Cream Vendor, Panhandler, Daddy's Assistant: Charlie Massey First Passerby, Panhandler: Jackson Maxwell Carmen, Daddy's Assistant, Frug Dancer, Specialty Dancer: Natalie Patrick First Young Man, Marvin: Joey Perez Baseball Player, Man in Elevator, Frug Soloist, Specialty Dancer: Brady Phillips Ticket Booth Man: Jared Pugh Policewoman, Dance Hall Hostess, Daddy's Assistant: Holly Roehl Dance Hall Hostess: Corissa Sellers Policewoman, Rosie: Devoree Shields Second Man, Frug Dancer, Specialty Dancer: Peyton Sparks Information Booth Girl: Hope Spires Panhandler: Seadona Taloma Girl, Specialty Dancer: Allie Triepke Suzanne, Frug Soloist, Frug Specialty Dancer: Katie Van Horn Waitress: Jenae Vancura

Director: Kathleen Cannarozzi Harris Vocal Director: Diane King Vann Musical Director: John Hannan Choreographer: Kristi Davar Technical Director: Matthew White Production Assistant: Lisa Goins Makeup: Katie Agrela Stage Manager: Virginia Rumbaugh

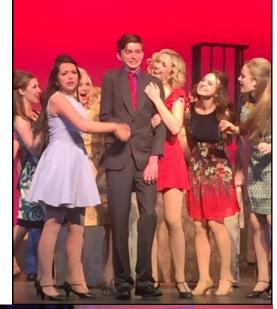




### Sweet Charity (cont.)

~ Orchestra ~

Percussion: Mahan Bani Alto Saxophone, Clarinet: Blake Bradley Piano: Tatiana Bush Drums: Tristan Estrella Forseth Baritone/Tenor/Alto Saxophone, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet: Alex Golden Cello: Michelle Griffith Trumpet: Kaizo Hall Trumpet: Takazo Hall Oboe, Tenor Saxophone, Clarinet: Bennett Kai Imai Cello: Gillian Ippoliti Trombone: Jakob Kiebach Percussion: Shain Kinnie Guitar: Daniel Martz Bass: Carly Nolan Violin: Kevin Phan Violin: Soonthornxanakij Prueksarak Trumpet: Samantha Ray Flute, Alto Flute, Piccolo: Kathleen Riggert Bass Trombone: Ricky Sahara Bass: Jasmine Salcido Violin: Rachelle Schouten Violin: Jenna Schouten Flute, Piccolo: Cynthia Shimada Trombone: David Suzukk Cello: Hannah Vines Electric Bass: William Wildrick







The Fantasticks October 23-31, 2015

The Mute/The Wall: Jessica Schreiber Huckabee, The Boy's Father: Jack Murphy Bellomy, The Girl's Father: Noah Clements Luisa, The Girl: Yoomi Kim Matt, The Boy: Zachary Balagot El Gallo, The Narrator: Ryan Lloyd Henry, The Old Actor: Ronald Kinloch Mortimer, The Indian: Jordan Boggess

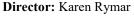
Director: Karen Culliver Costume Designer: Jessica Schreiber Hair/Makeup Designer: Jessica Schreiber Set Designer: Karen Culliver Lighting Designer: Karen Culliver Sound Designer: Karen Culliver Choreographer: Karen Culliver Musical Director: Christopher W. Smith



#### Urinetown November 5-8, 2015

Lockstock: Skyler Ellis Penelope Pennywise: Chanel Morehead **Bobby:** Cooper Reynolds Hope Cladwell: Madison Ligtermoet Caldwell B. Cladwell: Griffin Runnels Little Sally: Camryn Kim Officer Barrel: Mikayla Knight Mr. McQueen: Nathan Famador Senator Fipp: Royce Lundquist Josephine "Ma" Strong: Caroline Haas Hot Blades Harry: Jared Machado Little Becky Two-Shoes: Alisa Melendez Old Man Strong: Mason Matthews Soupy Sue: Nicole Morris **Tiny Tom:** Nathan Levy Ruby The Stockfish: Caroline Knapp Jilly Girl Jill: Hayley Ayers Dr. Billeux: Andy Valdez Mrs. Millennium: Grace Durham

**Rebels/The Poor:** Christian Cantrell Cari Ross Kate Fahey Carly Perez Makeala Zeran Kira Wendland **Office Executives:** Yasmeen Anand Emily Bolden Gabi Brooks Ashley Cohen Kate Fahey Alexa Freeman Lizzy Green Coco Hyatt Jenna Jimenez Jonathan Lim Isabella Moore Miranda Mower Avery Nueva Cari Ross Kira Wendland Cops: Gabi Brooks **Christian Cantrell** Ashley Cohen Lizzy Green Nathan Levy Jared Machado Alisa Melendez Nicole Morris



Costume Design: Destini Nguyen, Legend Todrick Hair/Makeup Design: Cynthia Karim, Rory Gaudino, Musical Theatre Makeup Class Set Design: Sean McMullen Lighting Design: Kevin Cook Choreographer: Melissa Staab







Crazy For You February 18-21, 2016

Bobby Child: Kian Morehead Polly Baker: Shanna Brajevic Tess: Olivia Rybus Patsy: Cecilia Balagot Bela Zangler: Owen Jeeves Irene Roth: McKenna Wells Lottie Child: Natalie Pendergraft Perkins, Lottie's Asst.: Seena Poormehr Chauffer: Andres de Dios Lank Hawkins: Riley Dun Everett Baker: Atticus Korman Harry the Bartender: Trevor Hart Sam (Cowboy Trio): Wyatt Larrabee Moose (Cowboy Trio): Joey Sable Mingo (Cowboy Trio): Bryson Taylor Pete: Mitchell Huntlev Custus: Seena Poormehr Jimmy: Wyland Collins Billy: Brandon Calderon Wyatt: Logan Gould Junior: Barrett Figueroa Slim: Andres de Dios Mae: Kelly Garrett Edna: Ali Gutierrez Geraldine: Hailey Small Wanda: Pua Patu-Tanielu Thelma, the Barmaid: Bianca Turner Gussie: Samantha Wasson Mildred: Jessica Yang **Eugene Fodor:** Ethan Clavton Patricia Fodor: Sydney Horner Zangler's Follies Showgirls: Lucille: Thalia Atallah Shirley: Emily Baggarly Margie: Emma Bradley Betty: Johnisa Breault Betsy: Alyssa Carol Ruby: Ashleigh Huntington Judy: Natalie Laderer Mitzi: Ava McDonald Susie: Cori McKay Louise: Katelyn McKinley Ginger: Anna Salvini Jeanette: Genevieve Swanson Sheila: Hannah Thalberg Elaine: Mikayla Thrasher Vera: Rosie Wilson Eleanor: Julia Wolfe **Follies Backstage Crew:** Kelly Garrett Ali Gutierrez. Pua Patu-Tanielu Bianca Turner Zangler Fans: Hailey Small Samantha Wasson Jessica Yang



Director: Jeff Paul Costume Design: Sean McMullen Hair/Makeup Design: Cynthia Karim & the Musical Theatre Makeup Class Set Design: Sean McMullen Lighting Design: Chrissie Munich Choreographer: Casey Garritano Musical Director: Amy Eklund Orchestra Conductor: Barry Silverman

















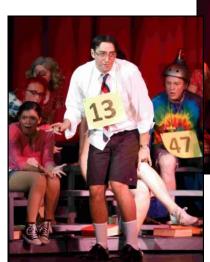


#### The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee September 17-19, 2015

"Schwartzy": Tamara Armstrong Marcy Park: Annie Combs Leaf Coneybear: Garrett Claud **Douglas Panch/Carl Grubenierre:** Luke Gianelli Olive's Mom/Parole Officer: Paris Hull Mitch Mahoney: Jonathan Jackson Rona Lisa Peretti: Brionne Kirkwood William Morris Barfee: Daniel Klevit Brooke Coneybear/Speller: Kyra Kuhn JC/Leaf's Dad: Delaney Marchant Young Olive: Taylor Mason Landscape Coneybear/Speller: Carlie McCleary Olive Ostrovsky: Cassidy McCleary Dan Schwartz/Person in Audience: Noah Ortega Coneybear Mom/Speller: Gabby Reid Marigold Coneybear: Ashlyn Rose Paul Coneybear/Speller: Ashely Seng Raisin Coneybear/Speller: Cat Sullins Pinecone Coneybear/Barfee's Mom: Sienna Smith "Chip" Tolentino: Zach Thomas Olive's Dad/Custodian: Sean Van Savage

Director: Daniel Ingram Choreographer: Laurie Mason Musical Director: Jeremy Wiggins Set Designer: Joshua Pavlis Props Designer: Kelsey Morales Costumes & Makeup: Sabrina Swarthout Lighting Designer: Annie Reyland Sound Designer: Colin Meyer









### The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (cont.)







#### A Christmas Carol December 3-5, 2015

Ebneezer Scrooge: Jonathan Jackson Fred Hollowell: Garrett Claud Janet Hollowell: Sophia Didier Bob Cratchit: Josh Pavlis Mrs. Cratchit: Sophia Racke Martha Cratchit: Heather Miska Belinda Cratchit: Cassidy McCleary Peter Cratchit: Jack Katke Amelia Cratchit: Carlie McCleary Clara Cratchit: Abigail Ambach Tiny Tim: Josiah Armstrong **Boy Scrooge:** Christian McCleary Solicitor 1/Mrs. Dilber: Paris Hull Solicitor 2: Saffron Sener Jacob Marley: Daniel Klevit Spirit: Past: Danielle Dimarco Belle's Child/Want: Maddie Green Spirit: Present: Katie McGowan Spirit: Yet to Come: Jenna Sekutera Spirit: Yet to Come: Ashlyn Rose Tavern Maid/Ensemble: Katy Salata Nanny/Ensemble: Hayden Koerner Teacher/Ensemble: Faye Jaramillo Scrooge's Father/Ensemble: Sean Van Savage Headmaster/Ensemble: Noah Ortega Adult Tiny Tim: Avery Saylor Young Adult Ebneezer/Ensemble: Luke Giannelli Fan/Ignorance: Lainey Reyland Mr. Fezziwig/Ensemble: Max Eberle Mrs. Fezziwig: Delancy Marchant Belle: Tamara Armstrong Tavern Keeper/Thomas: Zach Thomas Belle's Child 1/Beauty: Maggie Anderson Old Joe: Alyssa Bardzilowski Mrs. Oliver: Kyra Kuhn Mr. Tackleton/Bartender: Juan Ventura Caroline: Elizabeth Giacchetti

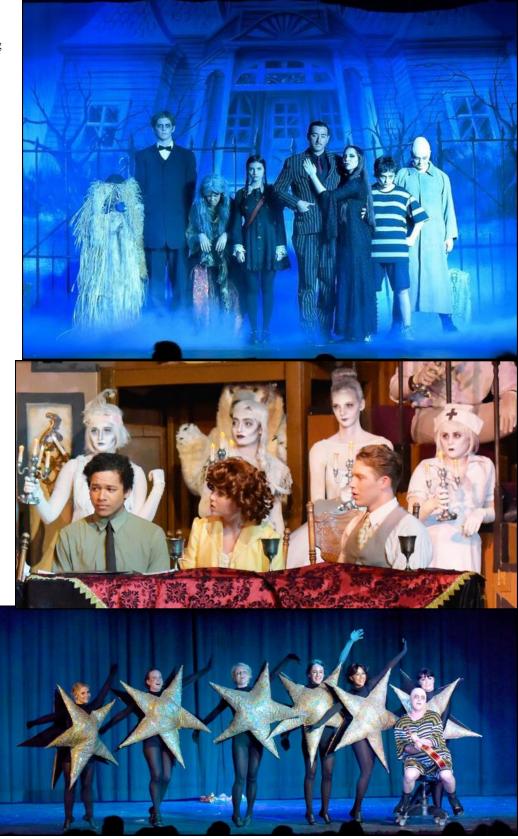
Director: Daniel Ingram Makeup Designer: Sabrina Swarthout Costumer Designers: Baily Donlin, Sophia George Sound Designer: Collin Meyer Set Designer: Griffin O'Connor Lighting Designer: Annie Reyland







The Addams Family April 14-23, 2016



**MORTICIA:** Sophia Didier FESTER: Garrett Claud WEDNESDAY: Tamara Armstrong **PUGSLEY:** Carlie McCleary **GRANDMA:** Delaney Marchant LURCH: William Brown MAL: Maxwell Eberle ALICE: Cassidy McCleary LUCAS: Sean Van Savage **ANCESTORS:** Madison Banks Annie Combs Luke Gianelli Maia Gibson Cookie Greenberg Lucas Harper Paris Hull Jonathan Jackson Jack Katke Justin McCoy Josh Pavlis Ashlyn Rose Jenna Sekutera Sienna Smith Samantha Stark **Riley Steel** Zach Thomas Natalie Zanzonico **STAR GIRLS:** Maggie Anderson Hayden Koerner Katie McGowan Sophia Racke Annie Reyland Lainey Reyland STATUE: Noah Ortega **STAGE MANAGERS:** Shea Donnelly, Elizabeth Giacchetti SET LEADS: Danielle DiMarco, Kyra Kuhn **PROPS LEAD:** Bailey Perrizo **COSTUME LEADS:** Maya Howie Sophia George **MAKEUP LEADS:** Sabrina Swarthout Julia Becker **SOUND LEADS:** Grisham Peck Collin Mever LIGHTS LEAD: Max Rivera-Patton

**GOMEZ:** Daniel Klevit

Director: Daniel Ingram Asst. Director: Laurie Mason Orchestra Director: Tony Soto Vocal Director: Jeremy Wiggins

### The Addams Family (cont.)







#### Little Women: The Musical November 5-8, 2015

At its Thursday night open for "Little Women, The Musical," Tri-School Theatre gave its loyal audience what it most adores: lively music, songs belted at top range, oh so eye-pleasing costumes and scenery, and dynamic talent to create non-stop entertainment. Several musical adaptations have been produced, but the cast and crew of Tri-School Theatre has tackled this version beautifully, complementing perfectly one of the most beloved American novels of all time.

The story is about a New England family led by the wise matriarch Mrs. March, or Marmee (Vitoria Villalobos), and her beloved brood of four daughters— graceful, romantic Meg, spirited, writer wanna-be Jo, delicate Beth and pampered, high-strung Amy. Played respectively by Haley Fuchs, Alexandra Worden, Gianna Gazich and Joanna Juarez (young Amy) and Allyson San Roman (older Amy), these five seasoned



actresses are vibrant and dynamic in their varying roles.

Although the famed, somewhat feminist novel written by Louisa May Alcott details at length the joys and pains of teen girls growing toward womanhood, the musical — book by Allan Knee, score by Jason Howland and lyrics by Mindi Dickstein — is more like a flash-back of past events in the musical's two acts. **Alexandra Worden**, a powerful singer, takes her star role as Jo through many memorable scenes, among them her very funny duet with the indomitable Aunt March, the wonderful **Annabelle Soto**. Alexandra's Act 1 closer, "Astonishing," and her Second Act song, "The Fire Within Me," are tops and won lots of well-deserved applause on opening night.

The March girls quartet, "Our Finest Dreams," was also a nice display of vocal talent. Superior acting ensues, all experienced actors individually who vividly color in their important roles. As does **Vitoria Villalobos** who shines with her rendition of "Here Alone," one of the musical's better constructed arias to detail Marmee's longing for her absent husband. The girls' father, who we never meet, is a chaplain away from his family to serve with the Union Army during America's bloody Civil War.

The girls go through trials and stress, such as hearing their father is wounded, along with sweet Beth's illness. Their world is changed, however, when they are introduced to their new, wealthy neighbor Mr. Laurence, his son "Laurie" and his tutor Mr. Brooke . The girls' roles are strengthened by the supporting actors. **Steve Wehner** handles the role of Laurie with an assured composure, **Patrick Aimone** carries off the respected Mr. Laurence effortlessly and **Dane Madrigal** makes a dashing Mr. Brooke.

Other characters, such as Mrs. Kirk, portrayed strongly by **Caitlyn Crawley**, Clarissa, played confidently by **Haley Coad**, and **Brandon Martinez**as a comical, yet sensitive Professor Bhaer, round out the major characters.

The lively production deserves additional praise for **Hillary Pearson's** artistic direction, **Michael Lopez's** choreography, **MaryAnn Villalobos** and her crew for costume design, **Chelsea Palumbo's** scenic work, **Connor McGarahan's** lighting and **Anne Vandenberg McClain's** musical direction.

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### Little Women: The Musical (cont.)

Jo: Alexandra Worden Meg: Haley Fuchs Beth: Gianna Gazich Young Amy: Joanna Juarez Older Amy: Allyson San Roman Marmee: Vittoria Villalobos Laurie: Steve Wehner Professor Bhaer: Brandon Martinez Mr. Brooke: Dane Madrigal Mr. Laurence: Patrick Aimone Aunt March: Annabelle Soto Mrs. Kirk: Caitlyn Crawley Clarissa: Haley Coad Braxton: Tim Hepps Rodrigo: Jasper Hammer Rodrigo II: Sierra Warner Lead Troll: Antonio Murillo Trolls: Shannon Mora and Natalie Young Lead Hag: Molly Renze Hags: Julianne Holmquist and Alyzza Munoz Knight: Joseph Caico Monks: Michael Meris Erik Mercado PJ McManus Armaan Monshizadeh **Ballroom Dancers & Beach Combers:** Joseph Caico Haley Coad Caitlin Crawley Erik Mercado PJ McManus Antonio Murillo Allyson San Roman Sierra Warner Party Guest & Beach Combers: Jasper Hammer Tim Hepps Julianne Holmquist Michael Meris Armaan Monshizdeh Shannon Mora Allyzza Munoz Molly Renze Natalie Young





Director: Hillary Pearson Costume Design: MaryAnn Villalobos Hair/Makeup: Vitoria Villalobos Set Design: Chelsea Palumbo Lighting Design: Connor McGarahan Sound Design: Ethan Shanklin Choreographer: Michael Lopez Musical Direction: Anne Vandenberg McClain



### Little Women: The Musical (cont.)







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#### The Would-Be Gentleman February 4-6, 2016

Tri-School Theatre's *The Would-Be Gentleman*, showing February 3rd through February 6th at 7pm in the Anaheim Center for the Performing Arts at Servite High School, is a treat for the senses at any age. Gently satirizing the pretensions of the social climber whose affectations are absurd to everyone but himself, *The Would-Be Gentleman* was first performed as Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme in 1670. It has also been translated into English as *The Prodigious Snob*.

The play takes place at Monsieur Jourdain's house in Paris. Jourdain is a middleaged "bourgeois" whose father grew rich as a cloth merchant. The foolish Jourdain now has one aim in life, which is to rise above this middle-class background and be accepted as an aristocrat. To this end, he orders splendid new clothes and is very happy when the tailor's boy mockingly addresses him as "my Lord". He applies himself to learning the gentlemanly arts of fencing, dancing, music and philosophy through tutors, despite his age. In doing so he continually manages to make a fool of himself, to the disgust and amusement of his hired teachers. His philosophy lesson becomes a basic lesson on language in which he is delighted to learn that he has been speaking prose all his life without knowing it. **Brandon Martinez** is in the part of Monsieur Jourdain, and one doesn't need to guess why. He seems to be a master at this role and evokes not only laughter, but sympathy from the audience at many of his antics on stage

Like so many of the French nobility in that time, Jourdain defines what a person is in terms of externals and wishes to rise up the social ladder at all costs. In contrast, his practical wife, Madame Jourdain (Caitlin Crawley), sees clearly what he is, what she is, and where they belong in society. Perhaps because this play takes place among the middle class, not among the upper ruling class, there is no welleducated, non-pedantic nobleman in it to serve as the voice of reason. Instead, the function of that character in the play is filled by Madame Jourdain herself, who,



along with her servant Nicole (Haley Coad), steadily points out the the more honorable quality of moderation.

Unfortunately, Monsieur Jordain's folly is embedded in a gullible and unrestrained disposition which allows anyone to take advantage of him. A cash-strapped nobleman called Dorante (Jasper Hammer) has attached himself to Jourdain. He secretly despises Jourdain but flatters his aristocratic dreams. For example, by telling Jourdain that he mentioned his name to the King at Versailles, he can get Jourdain to pay his debts.

Jourdain's dreams of being upper-class keep going higher and higher. He dreams of marrying a noblewoman with the rank of marquess, Dorimene(Victoria Villalobos), and having his daughter Lucille marry a nobleman. But Lucille, who is played by Molly Renze, is in love with the middle-class Cléonte (Dane Madrigal). Of course, Jourdain refuses his permission for Lucille to marry Cléonte.

Then Cléonte, with the assistance of his valet Covielle, artfully played by **Erik Mercado**, and Mme. Jourdain, disguises himself and presents himself to Jourdain as the son of the Sultan of Turkey. Jourdain is taken in and is very pleased to have his daughter marry foreign royalty. He is even more delighted when the "Turkish prince" informs him that, as father of the bride, he too will be officially ennobled at a special ceremony. The play ends with this ridiculous ceremony, including using the pidgin language Sabir instead of Turkish.

An entourage of players rounded out the cast. All in all, the synergy felt between the players and the sheer joy they displayed on stage in their roles says much for the professionalism and versatility of Tri-School Theatre. The intent of the directors to present Monsieur Jordain as a naive, personable and yet vulnerable man new to the world of money and privilege in this well-preserved play was a resounding success! Plus, costumes, hair and makeup were



### The Would-Be Gentleman (cont.)

exceptionally distinct and authentic representations of French and Turkish dress. My compliments to the cast and crew for an excellent and entertaining production!

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Monsieur Jordain: Brandon Martinez Nicole: Haley Coad Madame Jordain: Caitlin Crawley Dorante: Jasper Hammer **Cleonte:** Dane Madrigal Covielle: Eric Mercado Lucille: Molly Renze Dorimene: Victoria Villalobos Music Master/Mufti: Emily Lovchik Dancing Master/Mufti: Joanna Juarez Fencing Master/Mufti: Aaron Floreani Philosophy Master/Mufti: Patrick Aimone Pupil/First Male Singer/Mufti: Andy Van Driesen Woman Singer/Mufti: Christine Ma Second Woman Singer/Mufti: Victoria Edwards van Muijen Pianist/Mufti: Isabelle Fabrizio Dancers/Cooks/Mufti: Kristyn Byrd, Channing Lee, Julianne Holmquist, Sara Gee Lackey 1: Peter McManus Lackey 2: Armaan Monshizadeh Merchant Tailor/Mufti: Antonio Murillo Apprentice/Mufti: Olivia Hennessey

Director: Frankie Marrone
Exec Artistic Director: Hillary Pearson
Costumes: MaryAnn Villalobos, Costume Crew: Laurel Kessler, Caroline Dame, Alyssa Gomez, Olivia Hennessey, Kayleigh McGarahan, Betsy Hammer, JuliAnn Lovchik, Hillary Pearson, Karen Tellers, Debbie Van Driesen
Hair/Makeup: Vitoria Villalobos
Sets: Brandon Arriaga, Joseph Caico, Domenica Diaz, Tina Foley, Candice Garcia, Jasper Hammer, Joy Joukhadar, Allyson San Roman, Joshua Tijerina, Marisa Tijerina
Lighting: Lucky Nelson
Sound: Joy Joukhadar, Tina Foley, Allyson San Roman, Ethan Shanklin





### The Would-Be Gentleman (cont.)







#### The Addams Family April 28-May 1, 2016

The Addams Family, presented by Tri-School Theatre in Anaheim, is a quick moving, edgy, entertaining, familyfriendly musical that really delivers the laughs. Playing April 28th through the 30th at 7pm and May 1st at 2pm, the show is presented by special arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical. Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, the production is based on characters created by Charles Addams. Opening with the well -known and well-loved Addams Family theme song, the rest of the production moves quickly and seamlessly through its scenes and songs. The plot revolves chiefly around Wednesday Addam's (Vitoria Villalobos) love affair with the chipper, upbeat, and frankly adorable Lucas Beineke (Steven Wehner). The subsequent consequences for their desperately different families continue to drive the musical forward.

Using a variety of theme colors, dress and patterns we've all come to know over the decades, The Addams Family relies



heavily on these icon characters to help set the mood. Thanks to Costume Designer Mary Ann Villalobos (along with Hillary Pearson), Makeup Designers Nicole Rickard and Candice Garcia and Hair/Wig Styling Designer Vitoria Villalobos (also playing Wednesday), the entire ensemble is impeccably turned out in the grand Addams family tradition. The ensemble is an important part of the cast, and Award winning Director Hillary Pearson and her able production team make smart use of the ensemble and 'Ancestors' in surprising and innovative ways.

The musical contains songs and melodies that have been the staple audition song go-to collection used for years by countless aspiring stage actors. These same songs give every character in the show the chance to establish their individual personality to the audience. Buoyed by the talent of each and every actor onstage, this makes for a very delightful and fulfilling experience, seducing the audience to connect with the characters and stay engaged throughout the whole performance.

Villalobos and Wehner are well paired to weather conflict and Vitoria's voice is impressively powerful, experiencing the joys true love brings, but at the same time encapsulating the turmoil of her character as she transitions from adolescence to adulthood. Steven Wehner brings a seasoned and controlled baritone vibrato to the stage as he duets with his love interest in almost perfect rendition.

Dane Madrigal (Gomez Addams) has a commanding presence, clear voice and a flair for character development. Practically every time Dane was present on stage, the audience ended in hysterical laughing. Alexandra Worden (Morticia Addams) was a formidable Morticia - classy, provocative and intriguing all at the same time. Among an array of other impressive moments, she brought to mind visions of late-night TV's Elvira as she slithered in her black dress with Gomez in the Tango scene. One did not have to wonder who really wore the pants in the family.

Uncle Fester (Brandon Martinez) is the unofficial narrator and the mind behind the madness. Brandon taps into the inherent joy of the character and gleefully works away on stage to successfully transfer his joy to the audience. Not only the voice, but the face

seemed to match somewhat with early versions of the character, Curly, in TV's The Three Stooges. I was constantly doing double-takes and couldn't keep my eyes off him while on stage.

All members of the Addams family, including Grandma (Molly Renze), Lurch (Antonio Murillo) and the Beineke family, including Mal (Joseph Caico) and Alice (Gianna Gazich) deliver spot on and heart-felt portrayals. And I would be remiss not to recognize the talents of Andy Van Driesen (Pugsley Addams).

"I found myself getting more and more excited at each production meeting as the show began to take shape," says Executive Artistic Director Hillary Pearson. "Producing a musical that is this new to the stage, and yet with such familiar characters is a challenge that we all enthusiastically embraced."



### The Addams Family (cont.)

Tri-School Theatre's The Addams Family is a professional grade production to be extremely proud of and I couldn't recommend it more highly. It is entertaining, well-developed and the music is upbeat and catchy (snap-snap). The Addams Family brought me back to a place of childhood and is just risqué and engaging enough to captivate both adults and children alike.

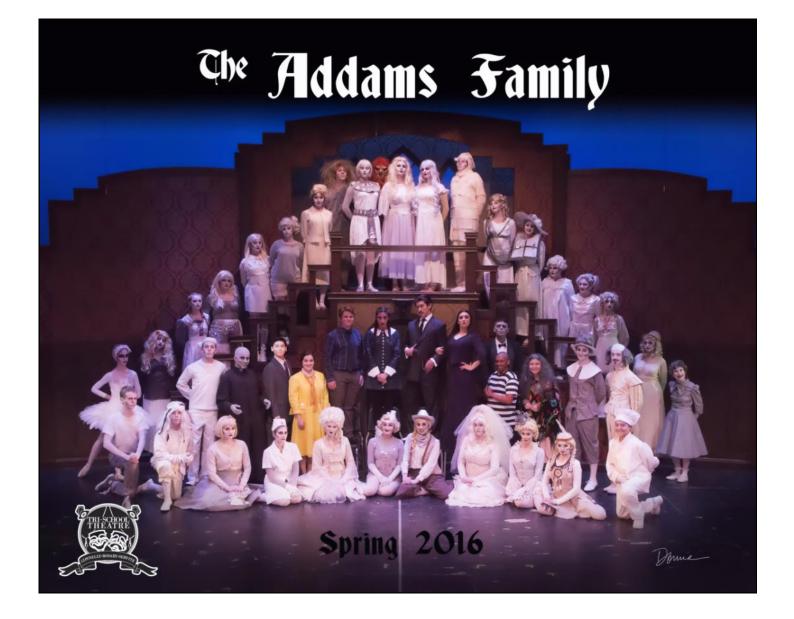
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Gomez Addams: Dane Madrigal Morticia: Alexandra Worden Fester: Brandon Martinez Wednesday: Vitoria Villalobos Lucas: Steven Wehner Alice: Gianna Gazich Mal Beineke: Joseph Caico Pugsley: Andy Van Driesen Grandma: Molly Renze Lurch: Antonio Murillo **Tango Dancers:** Patrick Aimone (Sailor) Chance Sanford (Greaser) Grim Reaper Matthew Perez Lead Ancestor Singer/Dancers: Haley Coad- (The Cowgirl) Julianne Holmquist- (Marie Antoinette) Joanna Juarez-(The Indian) Allyson San Roman- (Can Can Dancer) Emma Smith- (The Bride) Bryte Wood- (The Flapper) Patrick Aimone- (Sailor) Pj McManus- (Pilgrim) Chance Sanford- (Greaser) Joseph Caico- (George Washington) Matthew Martinez- (Chef, Lsd) Isaac Magdaleno- (Pirate) Erik Mercado- (Shakespeare) Lead Ancestor Singers: Sabrina Baeza (Gypsy) Haley Fuchs (Medieval Princess) Shannon Mora (Greek Goddess) Annabelle Soto (Prarie Girl) Sierrra Warner (Shepherdess) Natalie Young (Medieval Wench) Moon And Me & Tango Dancers: Rachel Linton (Nurse) Erica Hodges (Bobby Soxer) **Ancestor Ensemble:** Robert Amador (Caveman) Jacqueline Carr (Victorian Nightgown) Veronica Chumpitazi (Gogo Dancer) Caitlin Crawley (German Waitress) Viviana Gonzalez (Cleopatra) Caroline Linton (Cheerleader) Alyzza Munoz (Hippie) Matthew Perez (Mummy) Daniella Rodriguez (Titanic Victim) Jillian Sarni (Ballerina) Bailee Van Beek (80's Girl) Kylie Villanueva (Reporter) Special Guest Ancestor: Ms. Chris Stewart Musical Direction: Anne Vandenberg McClain



### The Addams Family (cont.)

Director: Hillary Pearson Costume Design: Mary Ann Villalobos / Hillary Pearson Hair/Makeup Design: Nicole Rickard / Candice Garcia Set Design: Scott Kahler Lighting Design: Jason Welch Sound Design: Katie Decreny Choreographer: Michael Lopez Musical Direction: Anne Vandenberg McClain



## **UC** Irvine

### **Enemy of the People**

UCI's Claire Trevor School of Drama presented An Enemy of the People, April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Humanities Hall Little Theatre. Directed by Jane Page, Henrik Ibsen's original 1882 *An Enemy of the People* was adapted by British playwright Rebecca Lenkiewicz in 2008, providing an absolutely electric example of a moral conundrum pitting duty and right against power and authority.

Set in a small town in Colorado, the play begins with a local doctor writing a research paper describing the ill effects of toxic sewage seeping into the water supply of the townspeople and baths - the principal economic motor of tourism for that area. The speculation was that the bacteria in the water was creating disease and ill health, such as leukemia and other cancers. Initially several townspeople immediately side with Stockmann's plan to expose this problem using the local newspaper. Allying with him were his wife, Catherine (Alex Raby), his daughter, Petra (Kristen Daniels), and friends who work at



the newspaper, including editor Hovstad (Aaron Arroyo), Aslaksen (Emily Daly), Horster (Amandla Bearden), and writer Billing (Robert Tendy). This group formed a band to begin an exposure to the water pollution and a call for correcting the problem in the spas.

Prominently defying this investigation was the current mayor of the town, who happened to be the doctor's combative and competitive sister, Mayor Betta Stockmann (played by Jennifer Holcombe). Using persuasive argument with Hoystad, Billing and Aslaksen, she manages to change their minds when confronted with the possibility of the newspaper suffering from economic depression and the prospect of the townspeople footing the 8 million dollar bill to remedy things.

Scientist Thomas Stockmann (Nick Manfredi) then calls a town-hall meeting out of defiance to discuss the town's contamination and to sway their opinion of the matter.

During the meeting, when Dr Stockmann launches his jeremiad against modern society and consensual politics, he is branded "The Enemy of the People!" He ends by shouting "truth's worst enemy is the bloody liberal majority." The reaction of the crowd was a bit like an unusually rowdy version of the current Trump campaign.



At this point his opponents, including his wife's father Morten Kiil (played by Thomas Varga), step forward to take a formal vote on his being Later expelled from the community as an enemy of the people. This leads Stockmann to fire back, expanding his argument beyond science to excoriate the tyranny of the majority and capitalism., several residents beat him and ransacked his house with rocks. Petra has lost her job as a teacher, his two sons have experienced bullying at school, a notice of eviction at the door, and he has been dismissed from his position with the baths. Ibsen wrote his 1882 play in response to the drubbing he had gotten for *Ghosts*.

It's easy to think of it as a straightforward story of one truthteller against convention. Yet one of the arresting things about Ibsen's play is the complication of its central figure, which shows him as both principled and just a bit preposterous.

An Enemy of the People definitely provides food for thought, but it is served with enough theatrical garnish that it is also ever entertaining as well.

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### **Enemy of the People (cont.)**

Dr. Thomas Stockmann: Nick Manfredi Mayor Betta Stockmann: Jennifer Holcombe Catherine Stockmann: Alex Raby Petra Stockmann: Kristen Daniels Hovstad: Aaron Arroyo Billing: Robert Tendy Aslaksen: Emily Daly Horster: Amandla Bearden Morten Kiil: Thomas Varga Susan McCaw: Anita Abdinezhad Edward Vik: Michael Calacino Miguel Reyes: Graco Hernandez Theresa de la Fuentes: Macaria Chaparro Martinez

Director: Jane Page Costume Design: Beau Hamilton/Jane Page Hair/Makeup Design: Beau Hamilton/Jane Page Set Design: Fernando Penaloza Lighting Design: Sarah Resch Sound Design: Garrett H. Hood







# NY A Awards 2015-2016

#### **Outstanding Production:**

The Addams Family (Tri-School Theatre) Crazy For You (Orange County School of the Arts) Pippin (Academy for the Performing Arts) Sweet Charity (Mission Viejo High School)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical:**

Jeffery Baker as Cat in the Hat in *Seussical, Jr.* (Mission Viejo High School) Alex Gotch as Sweeney Todd in *Sweeney Todd* (Fullerton Union High School) Ryan Han as Mortimer in *Zombie in Love* (Laguna Playhouse) Daniel Klevit as Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Dane Madrigal as Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family* (Tri-School Theatre) Kian Morehead as Bobby Child in *Crazy For You* (Orange County School of the Arts) Cole Wachman as Pippin in *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical:

Taylor Aragon as Leading Player in *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Shanna Brajevic as Polly Baker in *Crazy For You* (Orange County School of the Arts) Mary Desmond as Charity Hope Valentine in *Sweet Charity* (Mission Viejo High School) Sophia Didier as Morticia Addams in *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Madison Ligtermoet as Hope Cladwell in *Urinetown* (Orange County School of the Arts) Alexandra Worden as Morticia in *The Addams Family* (Tri-School Theatre) Alexandra Worden as Jo in *Little Women: The Musical* (Tri-School Theatre) Siena Yusi as Mildred in *Zombie in Love* (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play:**

Kyle Bode as C.B. in *Dog Sees God* (Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions) Josiah Haugen as Richard Hannay in *The 39 Steps* (Fullerton Union High School) Sam Johnson as Bernard in *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Jacob Menke as Robert in *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play:**

McCallister Selva as Juliet in Romeo and Juliet (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor (Junior Division):**

Tom Nellesen as Fagin in *Oliver!* (Junior Thespian Productions)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actress (Junior Division):**

Izzy Sarabia as Sorceress of Silence in Musicville (Canyon Vista Elementary School)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical:**

Brandon Martinez as Fester in *The Addams Family* (Tri-School Theatre) Ben Sellers as Oscar Lindquist in *Sweet Charity* (Mission Viejo High School) Adrian Villegas as Charlemagne in *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical:**

Tamara Armstoring as Schwarzy in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (San Clemente High School) Haley Fuchs as Meg in *Little Women: The Musical* (Tri-School Theatre) Gianna Gazich as Beth in *Little Women: The Musical* (Tri-School Theatre) Camryn Kim as Little Sally in *Urinetown* (Orange County School of the Arts) Cassidy McCleary as Alice Beineke in *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Chanel Morehead as Penelope Pennywise in *Urinetown* (Orange County School of the Arts) Allyson Peffers as Catherine in *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Hope Spires as Gertrude in *Seussical, Jr.* (Mission Viejo High School) McKenna Wells as Irene Roth in *Crazy For You* (Orange County School of the Arts)

**Outstanding Supporting Actor (Junior Division):** 

Trevor Yusi as Rodney in Zombie in Love (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress (Junior Division):**

Samantha Shon as Tangy Error in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play:**

Christian Vunipola as Matt in Dog Sees God (Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions)

# NY A Awards 2015-2016 (cont.)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play:**

Rachel Fishbough as Gabriella in *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Alyssa Hall as Gretchen in *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Alexa Hillman as Annabella Schmidt and McQuarrie in *The 39 Steps* (Fullerton Union High School) Rosella Juliano as Berthe in *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Shannon Mahoney as Gloria in *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical:**

Delaney Marchant as Grandma Addams in The Addams Family (San Clemente High School)

#### **Outstanding Ensemble:**

The Addams Family (San Clemente High School) Boeing Boeing (Academy for the Performing Arts) Dog Sees God (Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions) On the Razzle (Academy for the Performing Arts) Sweeney Todd (Fullerton Union High School) Zombie in Love (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Ensemble (Junior Division):**

*Musicville / Toy Story* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) *Oliver!* (Junior Thespian Productions)

#### **Outstanding Costume Design:**

Sean McMullen for Crazy For You (Orange County School of the Arts)

#### **Outstanding Set Design:**

Isabella DiLauro and Tatyana Miller for *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Scott Kahler for *The Addams Family* (Tri-School Theatre)

#### **Outstanding Choreography:**

Kristi Davar for Sweet Charity (Mission Viejo High School) Casey Garritano for Crazy For You (Orange County School of the Arts)

#### **Outstanding Youth Orchestra:**

Sweeney Todd (Fullerton Union High School) Sweet Charity (Mission Viejo High School)

#### **Outstanding Direction:**

Paris Arrowsmith for *Dog Sees God* (Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions) Kathleen Cannarozzi Harris for *Sweet Charity* (Mission Viejo High School) Daniel Ingram for *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Tim Nelson for *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Robert Rotenberry for *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor (UniArts Awards):**

Nick Manfredi as Dr. Thomas Stockmann in *Enemy of the People* (UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts) Jordan Schneider as Berger in *Hair* (Chapman University)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actress (UniArts Awards):**

Anna Belmer as Sheila in *Hair* (Chapman University) Kristen Daniels as Petra Stockmann in *Enemy of the People* (UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts) Jennifer Holcombe as Mayor Betta Stockmann in *Enemy of the People* (UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts) Alex Raby as Catherine Stockmann in *Enemy of the People* (UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts) Dayna Sauble as Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins* (Golden West College Theater Arts)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor (UniArts Awards):**

Parker Apple as Woof in Hair (Chapman University)

#### Outstanding Supporting Actress (UniArts Awards): Victoria Bohush as Jeanie in *Hair* (Chapman University)

#### **Outstanding Ensemble (UniArts Awards):**

Hair (Chapman University)

#### **Outstanding Direction (UniArts Awards):**

Shannon Corenthin and Tosh Turner for *Hair* (Chapman University) Jane Page for *Enemy of the People* (UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts) Martie Ramm for *Mary Poppins* (Golden West College Theater Arts)

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#### **Outstanding Production:**

*The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) *Boeing Boeing* (Academy for the Performing Arts) *The Would-Be Gentleman* (Tri-School Theatre)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical:**

Adam Blanchard as Irwin S. Irving/Buddy Fidler in *City of Angels* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Daniel Klevit as William Morris Barfee in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (San Clemente High School) Ben Sellers as Horton in *Seussical, Jr.* (Mission Viejo High School) Adrian Villegas as Stone in *City of Angels* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Cole Wachman as Stine in *City of Angels* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical:**

Katherine Chatman as Clara in *The Light in the Piazza* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Alexa Hillman as Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd* (Fullerton Union High School) Rossella Juliano as Margaret Johnson in *The Light in the Piazza* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Cassidy McCleary as Olive Ostrovsky in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (San Clemente High School) Vitoria Villalobos as Wednesday in *The Addams Family* (Tri-School Theatre)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play:**

Ryan Han as Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet* (Laguna Playhouse) Jonathan Jackson as Ebeneezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* (San Clemente High School) Andy Jacobson as Christopher in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Daniel Lesnick as Eugene Gant in *Look Homeward, Angel* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Jacob Menke as Weinberl in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Grant Rincon as W. O. Gant in *Look Homeward, Angel* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Grant Rincon as Zangler in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play:**

Emma Baltodano as Eliza Gant in *Look Homeward, Angel* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Kaylie Flowers as Antigone in *Antigone* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Genna Hewett-Abbott as Olive Madison in *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* (Mission Viejo High School) Virginia Rumbaugh as Mary Tilford in *The Children's Hour* (Mission Viejo High School) Katie Van Horn as Florence Unger in *The Odd Couple (Female Version)* (Mission Viejo High School)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor (Junior Division):**

Jake Czochanski as Radical Rhythm in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Casey Hirsh as Radical Rhythm in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Tommy Jacobs as Woody in *Toy Story* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Milan Jovanovic as Buzz in *Toy Story* (Canyon Vista Elementary School)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actress (Junior Division):**

Sophia Anapoell as Maiden Melody in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Sara Lloyd as Nancy in *Oliver!* (Junior Thespian Productions) Samantha Wyatt as Maiden Melody in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical:**

Garrett Claud as Fester Addams in *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Noah Martinez as Beadle Bamford in *Sweeney Todd* (Fullerton Union High School) Adrian Villegas as Signor Naccarelli in *The Light in the Piazza* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical:**

Tamara Armstrong as Wednesday Addams in *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Annie Combs as Marcy Park in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (San Clemente High School) Laura Harris as Berthe in *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Autumn Kirkpatrick as Fastrada in *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Brionne Kirkwood as Rona Lisa Peretti in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (San Clemente High School) Jenna Luck as Nikki in *Sweet Charity* (Mission Viejo High School) Carlie McCleary as Pugsley Addams in *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Kayla Morgan as Mayzie in *Seussical, Jr.* (Mission Viejo High School) Devoree Shields as JoJo in *Seussical, Jr.* (Mission Viejo High School)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor (Junior Division):**

Joey Laderer as Benvolio in Romeo and Juliet (Laguna Playhouse)

## NY A Nominees 2015-2016 (cont.)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress (Junior Division):**

Alana Ervoes as Half-Rest in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Sophie Jacobs as Eighth-Rest in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Ava Messerschmidt as Solo of Soul in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Haley Polich as Counterpoint in *Musicville* (Canyon Vista Elementary School) Brynn Savage as Jessie in *Toy Story* (Canyon Vista Elementary School)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play:**

Jeremy Garcia as Beethoven in *Dog Sees God* (Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions) Sam Johnson as Melchior in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Daniel Klevit as Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol* (San Clemente High School) Jacob Menke as Creon in *Antigone* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Jacob Menke as Hugh Barton in *Look Homeward, Angel* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play:**

Bianca Beach as Mrs. Amelia Tilford in *The Children's Hour* (Mission Viejo High School) Danielle Dimarco as Spirit: Past in *A Christmas Carol* (San Clemente High School) Sidney Farrar as Frau Fischer in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Alyssa Hall as Madame Knorr in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Katie McGowan as Spirit: Present in *A Christmas Carol* (San Clemente High School) Kate Napoli as Frau Fischer in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Sophia Racke as Mrs. Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* (San Clemente High School) Sarah Rochelle as Van's Sister in *Dog Sees God* (Coat-Hanger Sculpture Productions) Siena Yusi as Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet* (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical:**

Ryan Livesay as Victorio Vidal in Sweet Charity (Mission Viejo High School)

#### Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical:

Cecilia Balagot as Patsy in Crazy For You (Orange County School of the Arts)

#### **Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play:**

Rachel Fishbough as Lisette in *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Valerie Robfogel as Nurse in *Antigone* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Featured Actress (Junior Division):**

Samia El-Erian as Date – Heart in *Zombie in Love* (Laguna Playhouse) Nini Guerry as Date – Candy in *Zombie in Love* (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Ensemble:**

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (San Clemente High School) The Addams Family (Tri-School Theatre) Crazy For You (Orange County School of the Arts) Pippin (Academy for the Performing Arts) Romeo and Juliet (Laguna Playhouse) Seussical, Jr. (Mission Viejo High School) Sweet Charity (Mission Viejo High School)

#### **Outstanding Costume Design:**

Jordan Carabajal, Marissa Sellers, Marissa Wilson for *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Gianna Francisco and Reanne Wang for *On the Razzle* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Sean McMullen for *The Fantasticks* (Orange County School of the Arts) Holly Nellesen for *Oliver!* (Junior Thespian Productions) Dwight Richard Odle for *Romeo and Juliet* (Laguna Playhouse) *The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School)

#### **Outstanding Set Design:**

Molly Godlewski and Jenny Park for *Look Homeward, Angel* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Sean McMullen for *Crazy For You* (Orange County School of the Arts) Jim Prodger for *Romeo and Juliet* (Laguna Playhouse)

#### **Outstanding Lighting Design:**

Josh Behrens for Pippin (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Choreography:**

*The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) Marco A. Carreon for *Zombie in Love* (Laguna Playhouse) Diane Makas for *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts) Laurie Mason for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (San Clemente High School) Melissa Staab for *Urinetown* (Orange County School of the Arts)

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#### **Outstanding Hair/Makeup:**

The Addams Family (San Clemente High School)

#### **Outstanding Youth Orchestra:**

*The Addams Family* (San Clemente High School) *Pippin* (Academy for the Performing Arts)

#### **Outstanding Musical Direction:**

Amy Eklund for Crazy For You (Orange County School of the Arts) John Hannan for Sweet Charity (Mission Viejo High School)

#### **Outstanding Direction:**

Kelly Herman for *Zombie in Love* (Laguna Playhouse) Jeff Paul for *Crazy For You* (Orange County School of the Arts) Hillary Pearson for *The Addams Family* (Tri-School Theatre)

#### **Outstanding Lead Actor (UniArts Awards):**

Austin Kinzer as Claude in *Hair* (Chapman University) Zackery White as Bert in *Mary Poppins* (Golden West College Theater Arts)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actor (UniArts Awards):**

Jay Harbison as George Banks in *Mary Poppins* (Golden West College Theater Arts) Rehjii Martin as Hud in *Hair* (Chapman University)

#### **Outstanding Supporting Actress (UniArts Awards):**

Samantha Isidro as Dionne in *Hair* (Chapman University) McKenna Ryan as Crissy in *Hair* (Chapman University)

#### **Outstanding Choreography (UniArts Awards):**

Spencer Biggs, Chris Marks, and Courtney Zelter for *Hair* (Chapman University) Martie Ramm for *Mary Poppins* (Golden West College Theater Arts)

#### **Outstanding Orchestra (UniArts Awards):**

Hair (Chapman University)

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