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MUCH SUCCESS

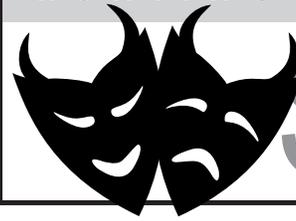
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THE DINING ROOM

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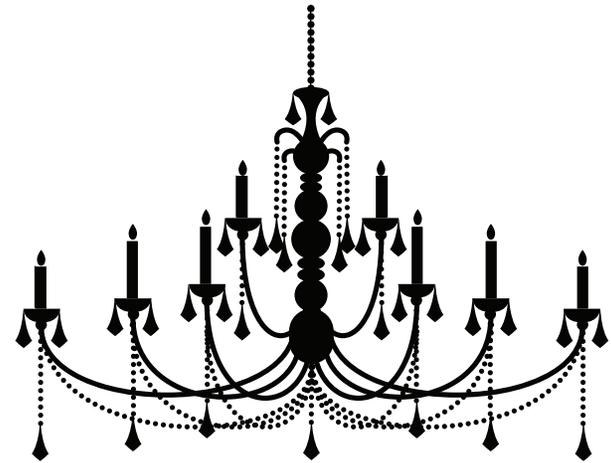
THE CONNELL FAMILY

HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



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A HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION



*The
Dining Room*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 2:00 & 7:30 PM

The Dining Room

by

A.R. GURNEY

Director

Michael Schwendemann

Technical Director

Glenn Deveau

Student Directors

Maddie Haughwout
& Amelia Reilly

Set Dressing

Michael Schwendemann
& Carrie Semelsberger

Backdrop

Grosh Backdrops
& Drapery

Program

Ellen Fleury

Costumes

Carrie Semelsberger

Director's Notes

The dining room. Gathering place for family and friends or museum piece. What once was the room where ideas were exchanged, family updates given, and triumphs and tragedies celebrated or mourned now seems to belong behind velvet ropes. As we watch the dining room across the decades we also witness the decline of the family — miscommunication, misunderstandings and missed opportunities — the play forces us to look at ourselves, our values, and feelings about those who mean the most to us. You will witness a mosaic of vignettes providing a window into a vanishing class of society from the 1930s to the 1980s. Oh if these walls could talk. Food for thought — enjoy the show!

Special Thanks

"Thank you, Annie." – Father

Kathy Shea

For passing the torch

Susan Lyons

For accepting the torch

Carrie Semelsberger

For making us beautiful

Deb Ciccone

For the photos

The Ansons

For the furniture

The Santinis

For the props

The Parents

For everything

Custodial & Secretarial

For keeping us clean and on task

Eric Reynolds

For listening and the help

Brenden Cusack

&

James Polansky

For the support

Scenes

SETTING: The play takes place in any upper middle class dining room, somewhere in the northeastern United States.

Time: 24 hours over half a century.

ACT I

Scene 1: Real EstateAgent, Client

Scene 2: Sibling RivalryArthur, Sally

Scene 3: Breakfast 1930.....Father, Annie,
Lizzie, Charlie, Mother

Scene 4: Table WarsEllie, Howard

Scene 5: My Favorite Aunt.....Grace, Carolyn

Scene 6: Puppy Love Aggie, Michael

Scene 7: Psycho-Change-o.....Architect, Psychiatrist

Scene 8: Happy Birthday!Peggy, Winkie, Brewster,
Sandra, Billy, Julia, Ted

Scene 9: 1st National GrandpaDora, Grandfather, Nick

Scene 10: Coming Unglued Paul, Margery

Scene 11: Memories Fade.....Nancy, Stuart, Old Lady,
Ben, Beth, Fred

ACT II

Scene 1: Liquor Cabinet.....Sarah, Helen

Scene 2: Caught in the Act..... Kate, Gordon, Chris

Scene 3: Anthropology Project.....Tony, Aunt Harriet

Scene 4: You Can't Go Home Again.....Meg, Jim

Scene 5: Insult at the Club.....Emily, David, Claire,
Bertha, Standish

Scene 6: Funeral Arrangements.....Harvey, Dick

Scene 7: Goodbye Dinner Ruth, Annie, Guests, Host

Cast

Charlie, Boy 2 (Billy), DavidRyan Aguirre

Client, Buyer (Psychiatrist), TonyZubair Ali

Agent, Grace, Margery, KateIsabella Cahill

Sally, Winkie, Helen, MegNatalie Ciccone

Arthur, Ted, Paul, Jim..... Peter Ciccone

Girl, Claire, Ruth..... Katherine Eichenberger

Father, Architect, Kid,
Stuart, Standish, Host..... Will Fallon

Michael, Grandfather,
Ben, Gordon, Harvey Robert Jean Gilles

Annie, Kid, Old Lady(Mother).....LJ Kindall

Howard, Fred, Chris, Dick..... Keenan Lyons

Aggie, Beth, Aunt Harriet, Bertha Amelia Maggio

Sandra, Dora.....Catherine McCooey

Boy 1, Nick Gabriel Moskovitch

Mother, Carolyn, Peggy, Sarah.....Abby Semelsberger

Ellie, Nancy, Emily Chloe Wheeler

Stage Crew

Set Build/Paint

Andy Ulloa
Annalise Alleyne
Carrie Killgour
Citlalli Lozano
David Rivas
Drew Spina
Grace Schmid
Lucas Marcia
Emma Franznick
Isabel Canales

Andriana Mesina
Jasmine Taylor
Lucas Kelly
Madeline Flores
Quinn Blackburn
Tati Feliciano
Victoria Guerrero
Asia Thompson
Shasha Sair
Sylvia Belanger
Xavier Perez
Olivia Perez

Sound

Quinn Blackburn
(Board Operator)
Tati Feliciano
Olivia Perez

Lighting

Andy Ulloa
(Board Operator)
Andriana Messina
Isabel Canales



Who's Who in the Cast



RYAN AGUIRRE (Charlie, Boy 2 (Billy), David) is a freshman at Huntington High School. In the past he has starred in productions of *Annie Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, *Suessical Jr.*, and *Oz!* He is very excited to be starring in his first high school production.



ZUBAIR ALI (Client, Buyer (Psychiatrist), Tony), a sophomore, is excited to participate in his third high school production. He is a thespian at heart and also loves to sing. He has been involved in other productions before high school. He participated in a summer program at the John Engeman Theater, he was in a production of *Into the Woods*, was Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka* in 6th grade and participated in *Seussical the Musical* at Finley.



ISABELLA CAHILL (Agent, Grace, Margery, Kate) is so grateful to be a part of her fifth show at Huntington High School! She has previously played Countess (*Don't Drink the Water*), Andrina (*The Little Mermaid*), multiple roles (*The Laramie Project*), and Jester (*Once Upon A Mattress*). As a junior, she looks forward to coming to rehearsal every day and spending her time with her favorite people, who she also calls her family. Most importantly, she'd like to thank Schwen along with the cast for bringing another fantastic show together!



NATALIE CICCONE (Sally, Winkie, Helen, Meg) is extremely excited to be performing in her third high school Drama Club production. Her past roles include Flounder (*The Little Mermaid Jr.*), Veruca Salt (*Willy Wonka Jr.*), The Little Red-Headed Girl (*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*), Bird Girl (*Seussical Jr.*), Reporter and Kristen Price (*The Laramie Project*), and Lady in Waiting (*Once Upon a Mattress*). She would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann and the entire cast and crew for making this experience so memorable!



PETER CICCONE (Arthur, Ted, Paul, Jim) is proud and excited to be part of his fourth drama and seventh show at the High School. He is a senior, so this experience has been very sentimental. He would like to thank Will for being his companion throughout this Drama Club journey since *The Babbling Brooks* in ninth grade. Amelia R and LJ have also been great friends since *The Little Mermaid*, and Amelia M, who joined Drama Club during *The Laramie Project*, has already become a special member of the club. Izzy was the first person in her grade to join and has always known her funny memes. Maddie has been a great student director and we are lucky to have had her for the last three shows. The sophomores are constantly having fun, whether it is Zubair drinking orange juice, Robert eating dinner, Abby singing, Keenan doing homework, or Natalie being a goofy baby sister. Peter hopes

the five freshmen this year have had the time of their life, and that this first show has been very special for them! Break a leg Chloe, Ryan, Katherine, Catherine, Gabe, and to everyone else in the cast!



KATHERINE EICHENBERGER (Girl, Claire, Ruth) Katherine is thrilled to be in her first show at Huntington High School. She has been in 11 musicals, but this is her first play. Some of her favorite roles include Patrice (*13*), Bridget (*Bring It On*), and Baker's Wife (*Into The Woods Jr.*). She is excited to be working with Schwen for the first time since fourth grade, when he directed the first musical she ever did, *Little Mermaid Jr.* She is grateful to be part of such an amazing cast.



WILLIAM FALLON (Father, Architect, Kid, Stuart, Standish, Host) is a Senior in his seventh production at Huntington High School. He has also been in *The Laramie Project* and *Once Upon a Mattress* (Dauntless) at the high school as well. He'd like to thank his entire family for all the support they've given him throughout the years. It's his last drama here so he's gonna act his heart out and enjoy every second of it.



MADDIE HAUGHWOUT (Student Director) is excited to start the new year with Drama Club. She'd like to thank the cast for all their hard work and dedication towards the show. Maddie helped out with *The Laramie Project* (2016) and *Once Upon A Mattress* (2017) at the high school. She's ready to learn as much as she can to prepare for a future in Theatre Arts!



ROBERT JEAN-GILLES (Michael, Grandfather, Ben, Gordon, Harvey) is very excited to be a part of this year's play. In the play Robert plays

Michael, Ben, Grandfather, Gordon, and Harvey. In the past Robert has played Sebastian the Crab, Charlie Brown, multiple roles in *The Laramie Project*, and King Sextimus in last year's musical. Robert would like to say thank you to everyone involved in this production, especially the support from his family. He is very grateful to his mother for supporting him with his involvement with the arts and couldn't ask for more. He hopes that all enjoy the performance.



LJ KINDALL (Annie, Kid, Old Lady-Mother), playing both a child and an old woman, is thrilled to take part in this production of *The Dining*

Room. She has joined the Drama Club in productions for the last four years, and is incredibly grateful to have such a wonderful cast for her last drama.



KEENAN LYONS (Howard, Fred, Chris, Dick) most recently performed at Manhattan School of Music as Jack in *Into the Woods*. In addition he

performed last year in HHS production of *Once Upon a Mattress* as Sir Harry and *The Laramie Project*. He has performed at Lincoln Center in the MCP production of *Crazy for You* and Carnegie Hall, as a soloist in PCI's production, *Broadway's Next Generation*. He has also appeared in *Guys and Dolls*, *Carousel*, and *Beauty and the Beast* at the Manhattan School of Music and as a Storyteller in Cultural Arts Playhouse's Mainstage production of *Children of Eden*. Keenan also attends

the pre-college program at Manhattan School of Music for vocal studies. He is a sophomore and thanks Mr. Schwendemann for this amazing opportunity and his fellow thespians for a wonderful production of *The Dining Room*.



AMELIA MAGGIO (Aggie, Beth, Aunt Harriet, Bertha) is so excited about her last drama at Huntington! She loves to act (but hates Irish accents) and sing. She's so excited to see what the future holds for her! Even though she doesn't plan to pursue acting in the future, it will always be something close to her heart. She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for making her a part of the Blue Devils family! Party party time!!!



CATHERINE MCCOOEY (Sandra, Dora) is a freshman in Huntington High School. She has been in multiple musicals such as *The Sound of Music*, *Seussical Jr.*, and *Oz!* However, this is her first drama. In this production, she is playing a child named Sandra and a maid named Dora. She is very excited for her first production here at the high school!



GABRIEL MOSKOVITCH (Boy 1, Nick) is really excited to work with everyone on this amazing production and has made a lot of great friends in Drama Club. He plays Nick and Brewster in this production and working with the other kids in his scenes was a very interesting experience. He hopes that you enjoy this year's play!



AMELIA REILLY (Student Director) is excited to be taking part in her sixth show and first as a student director at Huntington High School.

She would like to thank Schwen and the rest of the cast for everything and she hopes you all enjoy the show!

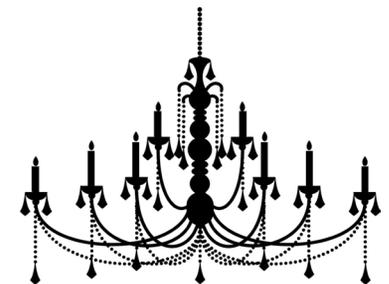


ABBY SEMELSBERGER (Mother, Carolyn, Peggy, Sarah) is ecstatic to be a member of this amazing production! Favorite credits: *Minstrel* (*Once*

Upon A Mattress) multiple roles (*The Laramie Project*) Frenchy (*Grease*) Gertrude McFuzz (*Seussical*) and Snoopy (*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*). She would like to thank her amazing voice and dance teachers, wonderful supportive cast, her friends and family, and her director Mr. Schwendemann for making her a better actress.



CHLOE WHEELER (Ellie, Nancy, Emily) is thrilled to be performing in her first drama at Huntington High School. Favorite credits include: *Reddi High*, *Dream Street*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Music Man*. She was seen on Telemundo's *La Voz* (*The Voice*). She'd like to thank the entire cast and crew of *The Dining Room*. Check out her SoundCloud at CHLO\$ TaY!





Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Dining Room

Break a leg Amelia Maggio!!!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Emily, Caroline and Charlotte

Heidi and Ellie * * *

Thanks for all you do Schwen!!



Congratulations Keenan
& the entire
Cast and Crew of



*The
Dining Room*

With love & pride,
Mom, Dad, Katharine and Grandma

**William,
Mom and Nancy are
so proud of you!**

You will be GREAT!

Break a Leg!

All of our

Love

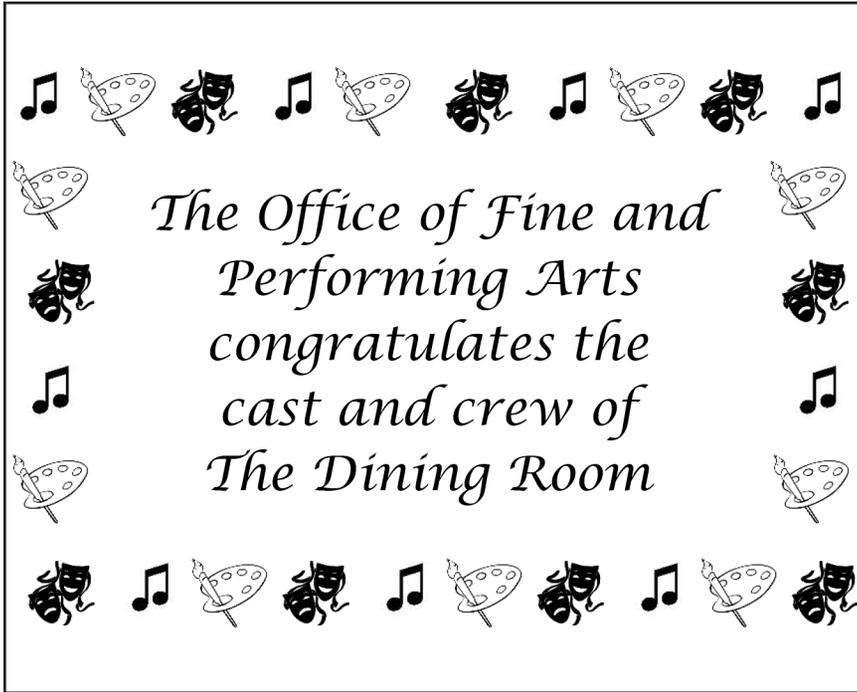
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Wishing the cast and crew a wonderful performance of *The Dining Room*.
You are an amazing group!
With much love and admiration,

The Ali Family





*The Office of Fine and
Performing Arts
congratulates the
cast and crew of
The Dining Room*

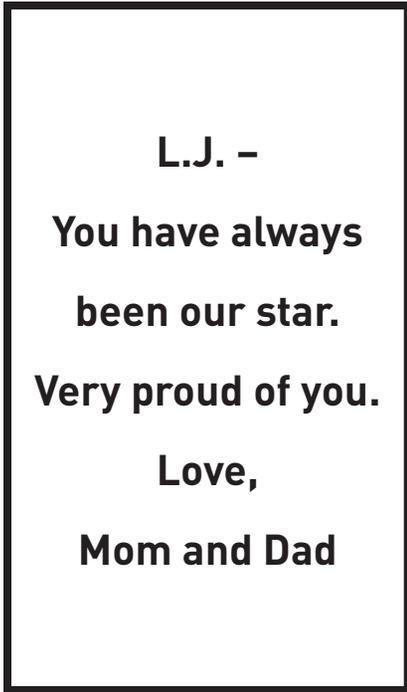


**Congratulations to the accomplished members of the
HHS DRAMA CLUB!!**

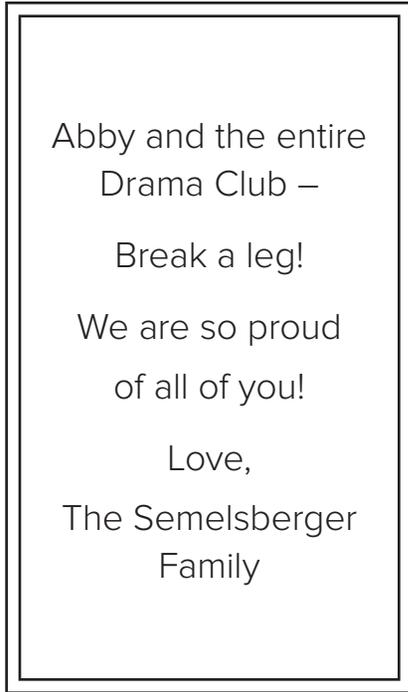


**Looking forward to an outstanding performance of
THE DINING ROOM!**

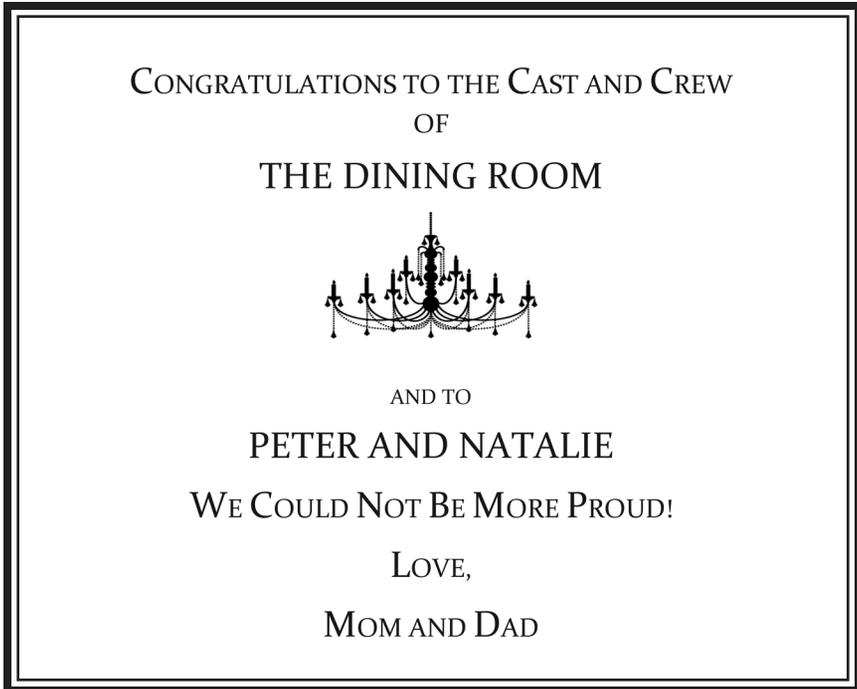
**Jim Dolansky
Kathie Acker
Beth McCoy**



**L.J. -
You have always
been our star.
Very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad**



Abby and the entire
Drama Club –
Break a leg!
We are so proud
of all of you!
Love,
The Semelsberger
Family



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW
OF
THE DINING ROOM



AND TO
PETER AND NATALIE
WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD!
LOVE,
MOM AND DAD

The Huntington High School

Drama Club

invites you to

join us again on

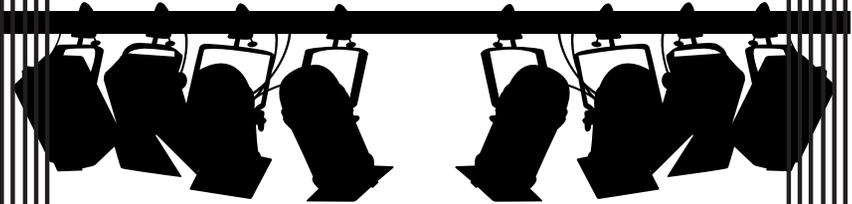
March 23rd and 24th

for our spring musical!



To our amazing

Schwen –



Your talented direction,

inspirational guidance

and loving support for your cast

comes shining through

in every performance!

With our love and appreciation,

Your Cast & Parents

Boosters

Zubair – we wish you a wonderful performance! So happy to see you so passionate and committed to something that makes you so happy. You are our SRK. – With all our hearts, Mommy and Pappa

To the amazing cast – Thanks for making my first show as a “costumer” so much fun! Looking forward to many more shows! – Love, Carrie Semelsberger

Congrats on your first high school show Gabe! – We love you, Mom and Abba

To my big brother Kee Kee...I love you to the moon and back a million, trillion times. Thanks for always singing with me! – Love, Katharine

To our big brother Zubair – break a leg! We love seeing you on stage. – Love, Sabeena and Nadeera.

Abby and the entire Drama Club – Break a Leg! We are so proud of all of you! – Love, The Semelsberger Family

Robert, We are very proud of you. Have fun and most importantly, ‘break a leg!’ – Love, Momma (AKA Hyped woman), Papap, Naine, M&M, Uncle Chris, Tatie Danielle, Uncle Sal, Tatie Babes, Uncle Francky, Tatie, Uncle Thierry, Mom Cilia and Cousin Justin

To a great cast and our fearless leader Schwen, nothing but gratitude for a fabulous performance and experience this year. Go get em! – Love, Keenan

Zubair, we are so proud of you and so happy to see you perform on stage. Break a leg. – Love Nama and Jan.

To the cast and Schwen – love you guys SO much! Thanks for making this show awesome. – Love you always, Abby

Schwen...how do you do it? Your special brand of magic has once again taken hold in The Dining Room. Congrats and enormous thanks!! – Susan and Patrick Lyons

To the cast, crew and staff and all the people who make the drama production possible – thank you for all your efforts for making the magic happen. It is a special gift to bring a drama to life. – With much love, The Ali Family

Congrats Keenan...watching you pursue your dreams makes us so proud! Keep on shining. –Lots of love, Mom and Dad

Zubair “Kuch Kuch Hota Hai” – Love Rani

Break Legs, cast! We love you, Chloe! –Love, Mom, Dad and Julian

To Abby – Shine on...we love you so much!! – Love, Mom, Dad and Jack

To Schwen – Thank you for all that you do for our kids! – Carrie and Dave Semelsberger

Congratulations, Seniors!



Best wishes and much love
to our seniors

Peter Ciccone, Will Fallon, LJ Kindall,
Amelia Maggio and Amelia Reilly
on their last drama production.

The Drama Club Parents' Association