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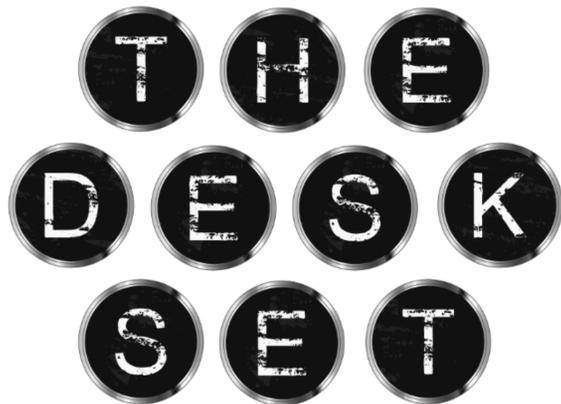
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CONGRATULATIONS

to the entire

CAST and CREW

on a wonderful production of



A HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRODUCTION



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## Congratulations, Seniors!



Best wishes and much love

to our seniors

Maddie Haughwout

and

Isabella Cahill

on their last drama production.

The Drama Club Parents' Association

## Boosters

Break legs, cast! Chloe, we love you and support all your endeavors. Always.

– Mom, Dad & Julian

Wishing the cast and crew a wonderful performance in the Desk Set! Enjoy it

all! – The Lyons Family

Schwen – Thank you for everything that you do for our kids! They are so

lucky to have you as their director. – Love, Carrie & Dave Semelsberger

Robert, were are very proud of you! Have fun on the stage and most impor-

tantly, Break a Leg! – Love, Momma, Naine, Papap, Mom Cilia, Uncle Chris, Tatie Danielle, cousins M&M, Tatie Babes, Uncle Sal, cousin N.E., Tatie, Uncle Francky and your furry cousin, Reba

Abby – break a leg tonight! We couldn't be prouder of our "Bunny!" – Love,

Mom, Dad and Jack

Congrats, Keenan, on your 5th performance at HHS! You're a wonderful

Richard Sumner and we're so proud of you! – Love, Mom, Dad and Katharine

To the Cast of The Desk Set – its been such fun working with you all...thanks

for making rehearsals so much fun! – Love, Carrie Semelsberger

To my amazing cast – I love you guys so much!! Thank you for being the

wonderful people you are and for always being the highlight of my day.

– Love you always, Abby

Good luck to Catherine and the rest of the crew and cast! Looking forward to

a great show! – Love, Mom, Dad, Aidan and Michael

To a great cast and crew.....you're all amazing to work with, laugh with, and

perform with! – Keenan

Best of luck Catherine! It's a great show!! – Love, Nanny and Pa

Schwen...another wonderful performance by an amazing director! Thanks

for always pouring your heart and soul into the production and the kids!

– Love, The Lyons Family

## The Desk Set

by

**WILLIAM MARCHANT**

### Director

Michael Schwendemann

### Technical Director

Glenn Deveau

### Choreography

Abby Semelsberger

### Student Director

Maddie Haughwout

### Costumes/Set Dressing

Carrie Semelsberger

### Program

Ellen Fleury

### Backdrop

Grosh Backdrops  
& Drapery

### Technical Advisor

Zane Whitney Jr.

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## Director's Notes

At first blush, *The Desk Set* seems like a cute little romantic comedy about two people seemingly miles apart set against the backdrop of the dawn of the computer age. It now seems almost prophetic in its prediction of people being replaced by computers and a computer being responsible for bringing two people together. What once was an anomaly now seems to be the norm... the fear of computers taking over our lives has now become reality. We have given ourselves over to a power greater than ourselves—how many of you are currently checking your social media in lieu of chatting with the person seated on either side of you? Have we lost our humanity—our human connection—and become slaves to a keyboard and the perfect picture of ourselves? The electronic age has changed us all but has it changed us for the better? Enjoy the show.

## Special Thanks

*"Oh. Oh, thank you." – Sumner*

### **Susan Lyons**

For keeping us on task

### **The Semelsbergers**

For making this a family affair

### **Deb Ciccone**

For the photos

### **The Parents**

For everything

### **Victoria Garbarino**

For being there for us Night & Day

### **Lisa Leonardi**

**(Crazy Lady Vintage)**

For help with the costumes

### **Custodial & Secretarial**

For keeping us clean and on task

### **Eric Reynolds**

For the help

### **Brenden Cusack**

**&**

### **James Polansky**

For the support

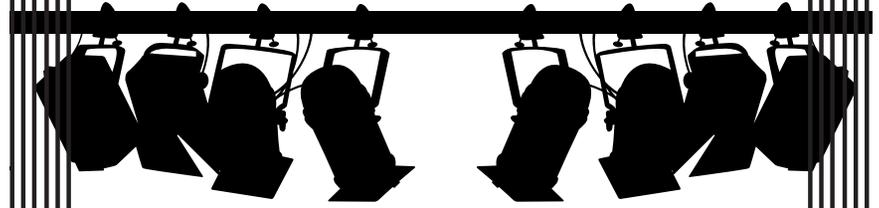
And last but certainly not least

### **Christine Catti**

For putting up with me and for your tool belt!

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

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



**Looking forward to an outstanding performance of  
THE DESK SET!**

**Jim Polansky  
Kathie Acker  
Beth McCoy**

## **Cast**

(in order of appearance)

Richard Sumner ..... Keenan Lyons  
Mr. Azae's Secretary (Cathy) ..... Sarah Biernacki  
Peg Costello ..... Isabella Cahill  
Sadel Blair ..... Catherine McCooey  
Ruthie Saylor ..... Natalie Ciccone  
Bunny Watson ..... Abby Semelsberger  
Mr. Azae ..... Joshua Avidor  
Mike Cutler ..... Robert Jean-Gilles  
Woman in the Blue Suit ..... Charlotte Simon  
Mr. Smithers ..... Brenden Garcia  
Kenny ..... Ryan Aguirre  
Mr. Bennett ..... Joshua Youngquist  
Elsa ..... Rebecca Hoffmann  
Miss Warriner ..... Katherine Eichenberger

Party Revelers

**Chloe Buffone, David Canas-Granados, Erica Flaherty  
Maggie Imperato, Gabe Moskovitch, Devlin Starr  
Chloe Wheeler, Faith Youngquist**

The Huntington High School

Drama Club

invites you to join us again on

April 5th and 6th

for our spring musical!



## Stage Crew

### Lighting

Christopher DeVeau  
(Stage Crew Manager, Lighting)

Andy Ulloa (Board Operator)

Drew Spina

### Sound

Olivia Perez

Tati Feliciano (Board Operator)

Jazmynn Clark

### Set Build/Paint

Andrea Delcid Ayala

Sylvia Belanger

Jazmynn Clark

Collin Garcia

Beth Heffernan

Christina Hornstein

Sofia Lopez

Sophia Matheus

Harrison K. McKenna

Olivia Perez

Samantha Perille

Allison Quinn

Jonathan Ramirez

Jack Semelsberger

Rashiem Sexton

Joe Tropeano

Emma Vaughn



## CONGRATULATIONS NATALIE!

And to the entire cast and Crew  
on another amazing performance!

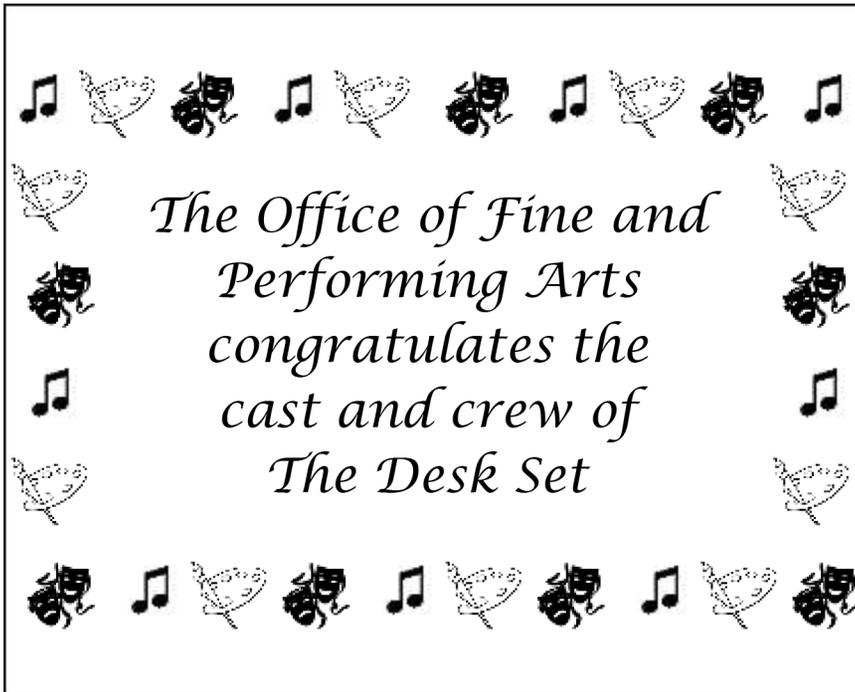
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Peter



Congratulations Charlotte,  
our rising star.



We are so proud of you  
love, Marmee, Pop,  
Mommy, Daddy, Abby, Daniel and Sam



## Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Desk Set!

We are so proud of all of you!

Your hard work and dedication will show as you transform into these mid-century characters.

Enjoy it! **The Biernacki Family**



## Who's Who in the Cast



**RYAN AGUIRRE** (Kenny) is a sophomore at HHS and this is his third production. He gladly plays the role of Kenny who is the "mailman" of the office. You may

remember Ryan from when he played the giant in *Cinderella* and multiple roles in *The Dining Room*. He would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann for casting him in the play and being such a wonderful director. He also would like to thank the cast for making this show very fun and enjoyable.



**JOSH AVIDOR** (Mr.

Azae) is very excited to be participating in his second performance with the HHS Drama Club, *The Desk Set*. He would also

like to thank everyone involved with the production, and wishes the rest of the cast good luck!



**SARAH BIERNACKI**

(Cathy) spends most of her free time performing or training to perform. Some of her recent roles have been in *Cinderella*

(Lady), *Pippin* (Player), *Twelve Angry Jurors* (Juror 11), *Twelfth Night* (Sir Andrew) and *Oz!* (Wicked Witch). She is the proud student director of the Woodhull/Stem productions and can't wait to get started on *Mary Poppins Jr.*! Thank you to Mr. Schwendemann for this amazing experience.



**CHLOE BUFFONE** (Party Reveler) is a 10th grader here at Huntington High School. This is her first play with the High School Drama Club. She has

appeared in *Into the Woods* (Little Red, Cinderella), *Annie* (title role), *The Wiz* (Dorothy), and *Oz!* (Tin Woodsman), as well as numerous other plays. She is very excited to be a part of *The Desk Set*.



**ISABELLA CAHILL**

(Peg Costello) is so grateful to be a part of her 7th show at Huntington High School! She previously played Countess (*Don't*

*Drink the Water*), Andrina (*The Little Mermaid*), multiple roles (*The Laramie Project*), Jester (*Once Upon A Mattress*), multiple roles (*The Dining Room*), and Marie (*Cinderella*). She'd like to thank Schwen along with the cast and crew for bringing another fantastic show together!



**DAVID CANAS-GRANADOS** (Party Reveler)

David has been in three plays: *Mulan Jr.*, *Grease*, and *The Desk Set*. This has been an amazing opportunity.

He's very excited to participate in this wonderful play and wants to thank the cast and crew, Mr. Schwendemann, and especially his family for encouraging him to audition for the play.



**NATALIE CICCONE**

(Ruthie) Natalie is very excited to be performing in her fifth production at Huntington High School. Her previous performances

include Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, the Little Red-Headed Girl in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown Jr.*, a Bird Girl in *Seussical Jr.*, multiple roles in *The Laramie Project*, a Lady in Waiting in *Once Upon*

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*a Mattress*, multiple roles in *The Dining Room*, and Gabrielle in *Cinderella*. Natalie would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann for giving her this wonderful opportunity, Mrs. Semelsberger for our beautiful costumes, the stage crew, and of course the rest of the cast for making the entire process a memorable experience. You never fail to make me happy! I love you all so much!



**KATHERINE EICHENBERGER** (Miss Warriner) is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful cast. She is a sophomore and this is her third show here at Huntington High School. Some of her favorite credits are Baker's Wife (*Into the Woods Jr*), Patrice (*13*), Ben Weatherstaff (*The Secret Garden*), and Evelyn Munn (*The Children's Hour*).



**ERICA FLAHERTY** (Party Reveler) is excited to perform in her first play at HHS. To her fellow cast-mates, she says, "Break a leg!" and she hopes you enjoy the show!



**BRENDEN GARCIA** (Mr. Smithers) is appearing in his second performance at Huntington High School. Brenden was in the High School's production of *Cinderella* last year and played the Knight. This year he is excited to play the role of Mr. Smithers. Brenden is looking forward to the drama this year and plays in the future.



**MADDIE HAUGHWOUT** (Student Director) is beyond proud of the cast for their hard work. She student directed the past four shows and can't wait to finish her high school career with the spring musical. Maddie sends her love to Schwen along with the devoted drama parents.



**REBECCA HOFFMANN** (Elsa) is a sophomore and has been in numerous shows throughout her life. She has played the role of the Cowardly Lion in *Oz!*, Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical Jr*, a lady in *Cinderella*, and Pepper in *Annie Jr*. Rebecca has also had 10 years of dance experience in styles such as jazz, tap, ballet, and contemporary. She hopes you enjoy the show just as much as she enjoyed performing it.



**MAGGIE IMPERATO** (Party Reveler) is a junior and so happy to be in the school's production of *The Desk Set*. She thanks Mr. Schwendeman and all of the cast for a wonderful performance. She hopes you enjoyed the show!



**ROBERT JEAN-GILLES** (Mike Cutler) is very thrilled to be in this year's drama, *The Desk Set*. Robert is a current junior at the high school and will be playing the role of Mike Cutler. In previous productions Robert has played King Sextimus, Jean Michael, and various roles in fall dramas. Robert thanks the

*~Abby~*

*We are so proud of you!  
You bring sunshine to our everyday  
and we love you to pieces.  
Keep shining bright – both onstage and off.  
We feel so lucky to be on this journey with you  
and we are so grateful for our amazing Abby!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad and Jack*



# KEENAN

**CONGRATUALTIONS ON ANOTHER GREAT PERFORMANCE AT HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND ALL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED! YOU BRING SUCH HAPPINESS AND JOY TO OUR FAMILY.....KEEP SHINING ON YOUNG MAN!**

**ALL OUR LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, KATHARINE AND GRANDMA**



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cast, crew, and director for always making him smile. And finally, Robert would like to thank his supporting family for everything that they do. He hopes that you enjoy the show.



**KEENAN LYONS** (Richard Sumner) is in his junior year and is thrilled to be a part of the cast of *The Desk Set*. This is his fifth performance at Huntington High School. He was also seen in *Cinderella*, *The Dining Room*, *Once Upon a Mattress* and *The Laramie Project*. Additional performances include *The Secret Garden*, *Into the Woods*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Carousel*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. He has performed at Lincoln Center in the production of *Crazy for You* and Carnegie Hall, as a soloist in *Broadway's Next Generation*. Keenan also attends Pre-college at Manhattan School of Music for Vocal Studies and Musical Theater. Huge thanks to his fellow thespians, crew, and all the parents! And to Schwen for always pushing us to be the best that we can be!



**CATHERINE MCCOEY** (Sadel Blair) is thrilled to be a part of *The Desk Set*! She is a sophomore and is very thankful to be performing her third high school production. She would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann, for being a fantastic director, and the rest of the cast for making this show as amazing as it is!



**GABRIEL MOSKOVITCH** (Party Reveler) is very excited for this show. He is very grateful for the hard work of everyone involved. This is his third

show at Huntington High School and he has had a great time at all of them.



**ABBY SEMELSBERGER** (Bunny Watson) is ecstatic to be a part of this production! She is a junior here at Huntington High School participating in her fifth show with the drama club. Favorite roles include *Cinderella* (*Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*), *Minstrel* (*Once Upon A Mattress*), multiple roles (*The Dining Room*) *Frenchy* (*Grease*) *Gertrude McFuzz* (*Seussical*) and *Snoopy* (*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*). Thanks to her friends and family for their endless support and love, her mom for the Taco Bell runs and costume adventures, the cast for being her best friends and for making Drama Club the highlight of her day, and to Schwen for making this show as amazing as it is. She hopes you have as much fun watching the show, as it was to rehearse and perform!



**CHARLOTTE SIMON** (Woman in the Blue Suit) is very excited to play *The Woman In The Blue Suit* in the play this year! She has been in many other plays such as an orphan in *Annie*, grass lander in *The Lion King*, *Toto in Oz!*, *Bird in The Snow Queen*, kidnaped soldier in *Mulan*, and scab and stage manager in *Newsies*. She loves acting and plans to continue all through high school.



**DEVLIN STARR** (Party Reveler) is very excited to be performing in his first play at Huntington High School. He has previously performed in *Willy Wonka*

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at Woodhull. Devlin would like to thank Schwen for the opportunity and wishes the cast good luck. He'd like to thank his girlfriend for never giving up on him.



**CHLOE WHEELER** (Party Reveler) is excited to act in her third high school production. Last year, she performed in *The Dining Room*, *K-Factor*, and

*Cinderella*. Favorite past credits: Belle in *Beauty & The Beast*, Lana in the original musical *Reddi High* (which she also co-wrote), Engeman Theater's *A Christmas Story*, and the horror film *Mount Treacherous*. She enjoys writing and producing music. Check out some of her music on soundcloud @meangirlztay. A big thank you to Schwen, the cast of *The Desk Set*, and my family.

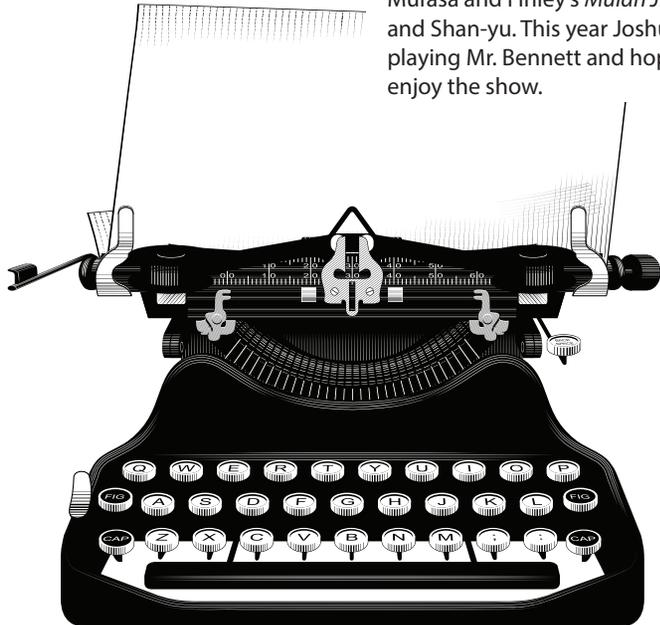


**FAITH YOUNGQUIST** (Party Reveler) is so excited to be part of her fourth production at Huntington High School. She has participated in other shows such as *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *The Laramie Project*, *Once Upon a Mattress* and *Cinderella*. She would like to thank everyone involved in the drama and her mom for their continued support and motivation. A huge thank you to our director Mr. Schwendemann and the cast for their dedication and hard work.



**JOSHUA YOUNGQUIST** (Mr. Bennett) is participating in his first high school drama and is very excited. He has performed in Woodhull's *Lion King Jr.* as

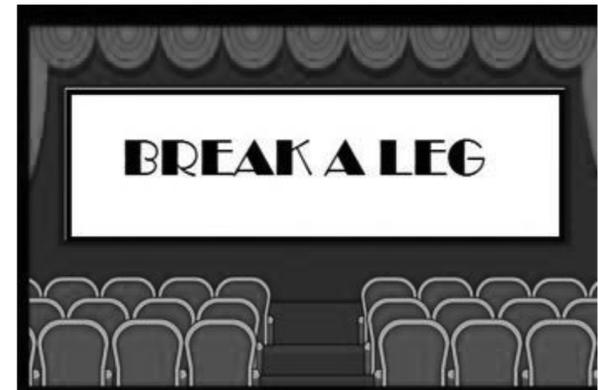
Mufasa and Finley's *Mulan Jr.* as Fa-Zhou and Shan-yu. This year Joshua will be playing Mr. Bennett and hopes you all enjoy the show.



# To my Drama Club Family:

I love ♥♥you guys!

Y'all are stars ☆ ☆ ☆



XOXOXOXO,

Zubair!