

HAMMOND THEATRE PRESENTS

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN



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THEATRE

Presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

Director's Notes

Our production of *Out of the Frying Pan* invites you into a rollicking romp through the lives of six New York City actors living together, desperate to get the attention of a Broadway producer who lives one floor below. This fantastical farce is full of mistaken identities, deception, and misunderstandings. Ultimately, it is a story of the triumph of friendship.

This three-act comedy provides a wonderful opportunity for our cast to showcase their comedic talents and embrace the exhilaration of performance. Special congratulations to our seniors, who have come a long way. In four years, they have grown as artists, collaborators, and storytellers, having first performed in the cafeteria mid-renovation, now taking the stage of our new auditorium in their final fall play.

This play reminds us that sometimes it's necessary to step into a comedic world of days gone by, where the trials and tribulations of life can be laughed at rather than lamented. We find connection through laughter, and this show has given us plenty of that. Throughout rehearsals, we've been able to let loose and explore our quirks—whether mastering Irish accents, rowing imaginary boats, or pouring ketchup as fake blood. Every moment of experimentation brought us closer together and made this production uniquely ours. Thank you all so much for coming to see the show; we hope it brings you as much joy as it has brought to us.

- Lauren Tobiason

Acknowledgments

We are grateful to the administrative and custodial teams for their essential support. We would also like to thank:

- Ms. Goldberg and Mrs. Somerville for volunteer coordination
- Mr. Wieman, the Caruso family, Mr. Marton, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Morehead, Grace Quade, and Shannon Nabors for set construction
- Paul DiVenti for fencing supplies
- GPHS Theatre for loaning us their sofa
- Mike Lamb for beautiful headshot photography
- Sarah Lynn Taylor and Rin Goodlin for rehearsal feedback
- STAR LTD. for loaning costume and prop items: starltd.org
- The performing arts department at Hammond for their support and flexibility

Adult Production Team

DIRECTOR | Lauren Tobiason
INTIMACY DIRECTOR | Lauren Lowell
ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | Patrick Burns
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR | John Sisson
COSTUME COORDINATOR | Lauren Lowell
LIGHTING CONSULTANTS | TJ Lukacsina, Dan Goodrich
BOOKTIX MANAGER | Andrea Dickie

Student Production Team

PRODUCTION MANAGER | Amber Proctor
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | Brianna Dunn
STAGE MANAGER | Julie Abernethy
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER | MacKenzie Somerville
COSTUME DESIGNER | Emy Dodge
ASSISTANT COSTUME DESIGNER | Nigel Cooper
MAKEUP DESIGNER | Izabel Lee Greeley
PUBLICIST | Eli Heiliger

Act I

Scene 1. Late Friday afternoon

Scene 2. Saturday morning

- 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

Act II

Saturday evening

Act III

Sunday evening

The play takes place in the living room of an apartment in
New York City, November 1940.

In consideration of the performers and the audience, cell phone use and flash photography during the performance are prohibited. No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium (water is acceptable).

Please turn off all cell phones prior to the start of the show!

The Cast

(in order of appearance)

GEORGE
NORMAN
MRS. GARNET

TONY
MURIEL

KATE
MARGE
DOTTIE
MR. COBURN

KENNY

1ST COP

2ND COP

Jimmy Szewczyk

John Roberts

Amyah Brackney 🍷
Ash Carpenter 🎭

Michael Steinberg

Madelyn Berkowitz 🍷
Maizy Hurlburt 🎭

Shuvai Chivanga

Zofie Blair

Izabel Lee Greeley

Killian Sullivan 🍷
Sam Caruso 🎭

Giovanni Marton 🍷
Noah Wainwright 🎭

Eli Heiliger 🍷
Elle McRae 🎭

Kaylee Doxtater 🍷
Saanvi Venumbaka 🎭

🍷 Thursday night and Saturday evening
🎭 Friday night and Saturday matinee

UNDERSTUDIES

GEORGE
NORMAN
TONY
KATE
MARGE
DOTTIE

Sam Caruso
Giovanni Marton
Eli Heiliger
Kaylee Doxtater
Elle McRae
Maizy Hurlburt

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The Crew

Set Construction & Paint

Anna Morehead
Ariana Wyse+*
Aurora Perdue
Auryanna Vergara
Cyrus Quinn+*
Dylan Walton+*
Gabby Chillous
Giada McDonald
Hiba Ahmed
Jake Butler+*
Jayden Duong+
John Renfro-Acevedo
Jynx Gifford
Logan Woodward+
Lucy Reninger
Madison Fisher*
Meron (Mary) Eijgu
Michelle Kinder+
Morgan Porter
Parker McCormick
Regina Ebele
Sophia West+

Sound

Audrey Diep+
Belzarena Kim
Darsh Bhatt+
Nutsa Tabidze+
Owen Kulikowski+
Ronin Vergara

Costumes

Jaylynn Haugh+
Tessa Thomas

Lights

Holden Stuby+
Jonah Berkowitz+
Jordan Ball+
Madelyn Lortz+*
Rayne Vissers+

SHOUT OUTS!

Congratulations Michael, class of 2026,
and the whole *Frying Pan* cast and
crew! Best wishes for a great show
from the Steinberg/Goldberg family!

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Biographies

AMBER PROCTOR* (Production Manager) is thrilled to be working on her seventh production and final play. She is beyond grateful for this journey she's been able to go on with Hammond Theatre over the years and happy to watch the growth throughout the department. She would like to thank everyone involved, because without this special group of people we couldn't have created such a special show.

AMYAH BRACKNEY* (Mrs. Garnet) is a sophomore at Hammond High School, and is very excited to be a part of Hammond's fall production! She was last seen on stage playing Harriet in *Overtones*, and would like to thank everyone involved for the wonderful opportunity!

ASH CARPENTER* (Mrs. Garnet) is so excited to be starring in this production! Ever since they read the script they have been in love with the characters and story! Their junior year has been hard, but they are so happy they could squeeze this in!!

BRIANNA DUNN* (Assistant Director) is proud to be working on her seventh production with Hammond Theatre and her second time as an assistant director. She wants to thank everyone who has supported her and her journey with Hammond Theatre. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ELI HEILIGER* (1st Cop) is very excited to work on their third production at Hammond. He has loved the opportunity to collaborate with so many amazing people on such a fun show onstage, as an understudy, and in class!

ELLE MCRAE* (1st Cop) is thrilled to be in her first show at Hammond High School. She's very excited to be working with all these amazing people and can't wait to do more productions in the future!

GIOVANNI MARTON* (Mr. Kenny) is a sophomore. This is his third show and second play with Hammond. He loves this show and its cast, and hopes you enjoy it! He's also a horror novelist and a lead guitarist of his alternative band, Red Apex.

IZABEL LEE GREELEY* (Dottie) is so thrilled to be involved in her fourth production with Hammond. Theater is something so special to her and she hopes you enjoy the show!

JIMMY SZEWCZYK* (George) hopes you like the show.

JOHN ROBERTS* (Norman) is delighted to be in his fifth production at Hammond! Recent roles at HaHS include Damian (*Mean Girls*) and Old Man Warner (*The Lottery*), and with S.T.A.R. Ltd, Jeremy (*Be More Chill*). "Every one knows that all theatre people are insane" - Brooks Atkinson

JULIA ABERNETHY* (Stage Manager) is very excited for her 5th production at Hammond. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all of their hard work and the dedication put into this show. She hopes you enjoy the show and find it as comical as she does!

KAYLEE DOXTATER (2nd Cop) is so excited to start her high school theater career with the amazing cast and crew of *Out of the Frying Pan*! Last seen as Christopher Robin (*Winnie the Pooh*) at Toby's Youth Theater and Evie (*Descendants*) at PVMS.

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KILLIAN SULLIVAN* (Mr. Coburn) is super excited to perform his second fall play with Hammond Theatre. Transferring from Football to Theatre, he is excited to see what he can do for the show. He would like to thank his family for believing in him and pushing him to do theatre. He also would like to thank his supportive friends who helped him throughout the years! He hopes you all enjoy the show!

MACKENZIE SOMERVILLE* (Assistant Stage Manager) is very excited for her 5th production with Hammond Theatre! She is happy to be on the Production Team and cannot wait to see all the fun that goes on during this show!

MADELYN BERKOWITZ* (Muriel) is acting in her fifth Hammond production, following *Mean Girls*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. She's grateful to Mrs. Tobiason for pushing her to join the play this year, as she had the best time with this cast and loved playing the silly role of Muriel. She couldn't have asked for a better show for her senior year :)

MAIZY HURLBURT* (Muriel) is a sophomore and this is her second show with Hammond Theatre. She is beyond ecstatic to be working with this amazing cast and crew! And so excited to share the show with everyone!

MICHAEL STEINBERG* (Tony) is excited to be performing in his seventh Hammond production. He's had a great time getting to work on a full-length comedy. He can't believe how far he and the rest of the seniors have come since performing in the cafeteria. He wants to thank his family, friends, and everyone in Hammond Theatre who helped him get to this point. He looks forward to performing with this fantastic cast and crew.

NOAH WAINWRIGHT* (Mr. Kenny) is excited to have this be his final fall play here at Hammond in his 5th production. He's loved working with the cast and crew for all four years now. He loves that the play is a comedy because he loves to hear the audience laugh. Noah is so grateful for all of the growth he's had as an actor and this amazing community.

SAANVI VENUMBACA (2nd Cop) is tremendously thrilled to be a part of the wonderful cast! As a sophomore, she can't wait for the productions left to come. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

SAM CARUSO* (Mr. Coburn) is thrilled to be back onstage in *Out of the Frying Pan*! He has enjoyed working with such talented people. He would like to thank Jimmy for being an amazing overstudy and his parents for all their support.

SHUVAI CHIVANGA* (Kate) is thrilled to be performing in her seventh production at Hammond High School! Learning and growing with her fellow actors and tech over the last few months has been a beautiful and unforgettable experience, and she hopes the audience enjoys themselves and all the hard work put into this production. <3

ZOFIE BLAIR* (Marge) is thrilled to be in her seventh production at the Hammond Theatre. She previously portrayed Feste in *Twelfth Night*, Arvide in *Guys and Dolls*, Mrs. Norbury in *Mean Girls*, as well as various other roles. In her final play with Hammond, she is ready to expand her skills and put on a great show!

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