

HAMMOND THEATRE PRESENTS

*Neil Simon's*

# The Good Doctor



November 10, 11, & 12, 2016

produced by special arrangement with | **Samuel French, Inc.**

# Production Notes

Written by Neil Simon, *The Good Doctor* is a series of short plays based on the work of Russian writer Anton Chekhov. While the two authors have very different comedic styles – Simon is known for his wit while Chekhov is famous for his satire – *The Good Doctor* successfully blends the talents of each, to hilarious effect.

## OVERVIEW

Simon's work frames the short plays by introducing a "Writer" character who appears at points throughout. This character, who suffers from writer's block, is a thinly veiled version of Chekhov himself.

The original Broadway production of *The Good Doctor* opened in 1973 and enjoyed a lengthy run. It was nominated for five Tony Awards, ultimately winning the award for Featured Actress in a Play.

Anton Pavlovich Chekhov  
1860-1904



Neil Simon  
1927-

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|------|--|-------|---|
| 1880 | Begins contributing humorous material to minor magazines under the pen name Antosha Chekhonte                      | 1950s | Works as a TV writer  |
| 1884 | Qualifies as a doctor and begins practicing in Moscow  | 1961  | First solo play <i>Come Blow Your Horn</i> enjoys success on Broadway |
| 1888 | Begins publishing stories and establishes himself as a serious and respectable writer (one of his life-long goals) | 1963  | <i>Barefoot in the Park</i> establishes his success as a playwright   |
| 1896 | <i>The Seagull</i> opens in St. Petersburg and closes after five performances                                      | 1965  | <i>The Odd Couple</i> opens on Broadway                               |
| 1897 | Suffers a violent lung hemorrhage  | 1968  | <i>The Odd Couple</i> film receives an Oscar nomination               |
| 1899 | <i>Uncle Vanya</i> produced successfully by Moscow Art Theatre   | 1973  | <i>The Good Doctor</i> runs for 208 performances on Broadway          |
| 1901 | <i>Three Sisters</i> produced by Moscow Arts Theatre, but poorly received; marries actress Olga Knipper            | 1983  | <i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i>   |
| 1904 | <i>The Cherry Orchard</i> produced in January; dies in July following two heart attacks                            | 1983  | Broadway's Alvin Theatre renamed the Neil Simon Theatre               |
|      |  | 1991  | <i>Lost in Yonkers</i> wins the Pulitzer Prize for drama              |

In consideration of the performers and the audience, flash and cell phone use 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!**

# Production Team

PRODUCER | **Lauren Tobiason**

DIRECTORS | **Donald Chiarella**  
**TJ Lukacsina**  
**Lauren Tobiason**

SET DESIGN | **Donald Chiarella**  
**TJ Lukacsina**

STUDENT DIRECTORS | **Keche Arrington**  
**Kaitlin Landfried**  
**Han Wagner**

COSTUME DESIGN | **Grace Woodson**

LIGHTING DESIGN | **Jaeden Arrington**

SOUND DESIGN | **Keara Cogan**

STAGE MANAGERS | **Jill Mason**  
**Leslie Sparling**

## Crew

**Sakai Alexander\***  
**Tsega Amare**  
**Jaeden Arrington\***  
**Jeremy Barton**  
**Skylar Belmont**  
**Jacob Buonaccorsi**  
**Amber Cai**  
**Keara Cogan\***  
**Reyna Condon**  
**Ana Davis**  
**Jenna Dietrich**  
**Crista Falco**  
**Ahna Feldstein\***  
**Ethan Fox**  
**David Garvey**  
**Erika Goodwin**  
**Adam Johnson**  
**Cameron Jones\***  
**Lyndsay Katz\***  
**Matt Lupo**  
**Kim Miremedi**  
**Sameerah Mohammed**  
**Alex Pyryt\***

**Noel Quijada\***  
**Emily Renfro\***  
**Abby Richards**  
**Zachary Sichette**  
**Jade Smith\***  
**Sydney Sullivan**  
**Caroline Waak**  
**Nichole Warner**  
**Kyah Washington**  
**Ramel Washington**  
**Shelby Waters\***  
**John White**  
**Alexis Woodard**  
**Grace Woodson\***  
**Madison Woodward**  
**Sydney Woodward**  
**Chania Yarbrough**  
**Ben Yodzis\***

\* Denotes Running Crew

# Scenes & Cast

**SETTING** | turn of the 20th century Russia  
in the humble home of the writer

**The Writer** | directed by Lauren Tobiason

WRITER/NARRATOR | **Jack Buzard**

**The Sneeze** | directed by Lauren Tobiason

IVAN ILYITCH CHERDYAKOV | **Nick Zuelsdorf**

GEN. MIKHAIL BRASSILHOV | **Josh Olujide**

MADAME BRASSILHOV | **Katie Rees**

WIFE OF IVAN | **Renee Lindenmann**

**The Governess** | directed by Keche Arrington

MISTRESS | **Lexi Wakefield**      **Hanaa Omran**

JULIA | **Sasisara Trithavorn**      **Kayelee Wisdom**

**Surgery** | directed by Lauren Tobiason

KURYATIN | **Rhea Bradley**

SEXTON | **Hosea Mundi**

**A Quiet War** | directed by Donald Chiarella

ARMY | **Logan Seely**      **Asa Roberson**

NAVY | **Nigel Guest-Hatcher**      **Simon Guteng, Jr.**

**The Seduction** | directed by TJ Lukacsina

PETER | **Michael Weiss**

HUSBAND | **Eric Hryniewicz**

WIFE | **Jessica Ramon**

## INTERMISSION

# Scenes & Cast

**The Drowned Man** | directed by Donald Chiarella

NARRATOR | **Jack Buzard**

SAILOR | **Kira Bennett**

POLICEMAN | **Christine Gilbert**

**The Audition** | directed by Han Wagner

VOICE | **Tristan Decker**      **Armonie Lane**

GIRL | **Kaylee McDonald**      **Grace Quade**

**A Defenseless Creature** | directed by Kaitlin Landfried

KISTUNOV | **Kevin Baker**

WOMAN | **Jasmine Phillips**

ASSISTANT | **Keche Arrington**

**The Arrangement** | directed by TJ Lukacsina

BOY | **Krupal Patel**

FATHER | **Danny Quinter**

GIRL | **Samantha Kargbo**

**The Writer** | directed by Lauren Tobiason

WRITER/NARRATOR | **Jack Buzard**

Names listed first perform Thursday/Saturday nights.

Names listed second perform Friday night/Saturday matinee.

## SHOUT OUTS!

Many thanks to Darrin Allen for his beautiful head shot and rehearsal photography!

Thank you Ms. West & the TV production class for our incredible promo video. You are all superstars and we are grateful!

Jaeden,  
Thanks for shining a light and showing the way.  
Love Mom and Dad

# Biographies

**KECHE ARRINGTON (Assistant & Student Director)** is a senior and is starring in her fifth Hammond Production. She has grown so much during her years at Hammond alongside her cast mates. She intends to study acting in college and dabbles in playwriting on the side. While she is humbled by your admiration for her impeccable acting skills, please save your gifts and bouquets until curtain call. Thank you.

**KEVIN BAKER (Kistunov)** is a senior and is movin' on up to acting after serving as a part of Sound Crew for the past two years. He thanks Mrs. Tobiason for inspiring him to audition and his fellow actors for showing him how to have a good time and express himself on stage! While he's not pursuing theatre beyond high school, he's learning every day.

**KIRA BENNETT (The Sailor)** is so excited (and a little sad) to be performing as The Sailor in her last play at Hammond. She loves the theatre department, the amazing people involved in this show and the show itself! She wants to thank her friends and family for all the love and support. Enjoy the show!

**RHEA BRADLEY (Kuryatin)**, a senior, is very excited to be a part of her fifth Hammond Theatre production. She would like to thank her scene partner, Hosea, the cast and crew, her mom and dad, her brother, her friends, and Ms. Tobiason, Mr. Luke, and Mr. Chiarella. After high school, Rhea wants to pursue theatre as a career.

**JACK BUZARD (Writer)** is a senior this year. He has been in the HaHS theatre company for 4 years. Some past roles he has played include Bunn Foo (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*), Horton (*Seussical*), Baker (*Into the Woods*), and Prez (*The Pajama Game*), and most recently Man in Chair (*The Drowsy Chaperone*). He would like to thank his mom and dad for being the best people ever and always being there. Oh, yes, and many thanks to Mrs. Tobiason for allowing him to have a bio even though it came in late.

**TRISTAN DECKER (The Voice)** is very excited to return to the Hammond Theatre Department for his senior year and work with a great cast on a great show. He has worked on two other performances; *Almost, Maine* and *Picnic*. He thanks the involved staff and technical department for helping create such an amazing show.

**CHRISTINE GILBERT (Police Officer)** is really excited and enthusiastic about being in her first production with Hammond Theatre. She is delighted to be a part of the wonderful Hammond Theatre family. She loves working alongside other cast members and can't wait to be involved with the musical.

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**ERIC HRYNIEWICZ (Husband)**, a sophomore, loves performing, from theatre, to trumpet, to Polish dance, but he cannot wait to show off something that comes quite naturally to him; being woefully un-romantic.

**SAMANTHA KARGBO (Girl in "The Arrangement")** is a sophomore currently taking Theatre 2. She is very excited to be in this show and would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

**Kaitlin Landfried (Assistant Director)**, a senior, has played many roles behind the scenes, including assistant directing last season's *Arsenic and Old Lace*. She also directs the scene "Defenseless Creature" in this production. Kaitlin has loved her experience with Hammond Theatre and will miss the amazing cast and crew when she heads to college next year. Directing is definitely in her future.

**Armonie Lane (The Voice)**, Grade 10, is thrilled to take part in *The Good Doctor*. Her past productions include: *Love and Alysha*; *Sick Stories - Gentle Granddaddy*; and *The Village and Mother Goose*. Armonie would like to thank her family, friends, and the Hammond theatre department for their support. Enjoy the show!

**RENEE LINDENMANN (Ivan's Wife)** Renee is currently a senior and is very happy to be in her 5th Hammond production! She has been a part of the Hammond theatre department since her Freshman year and has been doing theatre for a total of 9 years now. Renee is planning to attend a college in Southern California next year to study film/theatre.

**TJ LUKACSINA (Director)** is thrilled to have been asked to help co-direct this amazing group of students in a wonderfully quirky script. Having spent the past nine years conducting Hammond's pit orchestra, it's fun to toss tradition into the wind and try something new. Currently, he's also working on *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at Heritage Players and is planning for *Legally Blonde the Musical* at Silhouette Stages in May. See you again in March for an emerald of a musical, *The Wiz!* Many thanks to Lauren and Donald for putting up with me during these extra hours and my parents for their continual support.

**KAYLEE McDONALD (Girl in "The Audition")** is very excited to be in her first Hammond production. Outside of Hammond, the sophomore has been in other plays and musicals such as *Into the Woods* and *Dear Edwina*. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her love for theatre and her friends whom she forced to come see her perform.

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**HOSEA MUNDI (Sexton)** is a junior and is very excited to act in his third Hammond fall play. Off stage, Hosea enjoys playing guitar and piano, dancing, and filmmaking. In the future he dreams of becoming a film director.

**HANAA OMRAN (Mistress)** is excited to be in her third play at Hammond! She was also in *Almost, Maine* her freshman year and *Arsenic and Old Lace* last year. She also hopes to be in the musical this year!

**JOSHUA OLUJIDE (General Mikhail Brassilhov)** just your average, ordinary, optimistic, energetic, eccentric, eclectic, bewildering enigma of an 11th grader. He's also known to be a world renowned *HAMILTON* expert, thespian extraordinaire, and active writer/blogger.

**JASMINE PHILLIPS (Woman)** is a senior who loves theatre. This is her 7th production at Hammond and she is thrilled to play Woman; a type of character she has never played before. She is excited to hit the stage one last time for the fall play. She will most definitely continue to perform in college and beyond. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**KRUPAL PATEL (Antosha)** is a junior and is thrilled to be part of this show. Krupal has been in a chorus previously, but this is his first individual role. He looks forward to being a part the theater department in the future too.

**GRACE QUADE (The Girl in "The Audition")** is extremely excited to be performing in *The Good Doctor*. She has been in many past productions outside of school, though this is her first Hammond fall play. Enjoy!

**DANNY QUINTER (Father)** is a sophomore and is very excited to partake in his third Hammond production. He would like to thank his family for all their support. Enjoy the show!

**KATIE REES (Madame Brassilhov)** is so excited to perform in her second Hammond production! She would like to thank her family, friends, the directors and cast for the amazing experience. Enjoy the show!

**JESSICA RAMON (Wife in "The Seduction")** is thrilled to be in her first Hammond fall production! Jessica has been in all the musicals since freshman year and plans to participate again. She has enjoyed this new straight-play experience and hopes everyone enjoys. She wants to thank everyone who has supported her including the Mijas, her parents, Ms. Freel and Mrs. Tobiason!

**ASA ROBERSON (Army)** *The Good Doctor* marks the first stage-production for Asa Roberson, though he is no stranger to theatre. Asa follows a long line of theatre buffs, joining his family tradition of cherishing the stage.



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**LOGAN SEELY** (Army) is a freshman with little theatre experience, but nonetheless Logan hopes that all will enjoy *The Good Doctor*.

**LESLIE SPARLING** (Stage Manager) is ecstatic to be co-stage manager; *The Good Doctor* marks Leslie's fifth major production at Hammond. She is excited for what this year holds for Hammond's Theatre Department.

**LAUREN TOBIASON** (Producer/Director) is a 13th year Hammond teacher, director, and mom to two wild and wonderful little girls. You might not know she is also a board game aficionado, chocolate connoisseur, nature lover, cat whisperer, and Seattle native. She is grateful to have the best job in the world with the coolest people in the universe (yes, I mean you—cast, crew, and production team!).

**SASISARA TRITHAVORN** (Julia) is spending this year at Hammond as an exchange student from Thailand. She is very happy to join Hammond Theatre and create incredible memories with everyone.

**HAN WAGNER** (Student Director) is a senior this year and has participated in many of Hammond's theatre productions including *Almost, Maine*, *Seussical* and many others. He is excited to make his directorial debut this year for "The Audition" scene and hopes you enjoy the show!

**LEXI WAKEFIELD** (Mistress) is excited to be performing in her third production at Hammond! She has enjoyed being in past Hammond productions such as *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *The Pajama Game*.



*We've loved every minute Keche!  
Congratulations - Love your family*

Michael,

Good luck to you and the entire cast! It has been fun to watch you come out of "your shell" to "managing" your stage career while you have "seduced" the audience with your talents.

Love you,  
Mom and Dad



Welcome to the club, Asa! It runs in the family. Congratulations!!!!



*We are all so proud of you, Asa! Congratulations on your accomplishments so early in your theatre career! So proud of your debut in The Good Doctor!*

*♪ You're the best, around... ♪*

*Break a leg, Ace!!!!*

*Love,*

*Nandi, Jai, Mom and Baba*



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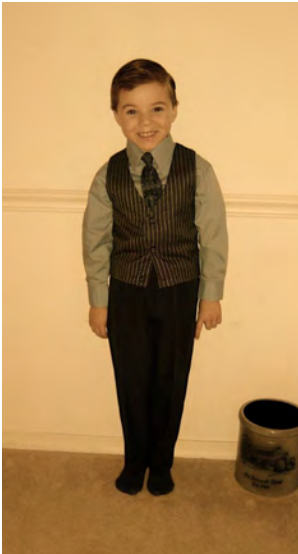
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Jack,

You're our favorite narrator, opening our eyes to new things and new worlds. We are so proud of you for pursuing your dream.

Love, Mom, Dad, Matt, and Maw-Maw



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## THE WIZ AUDITION INFO

**INFORMATIONAL AUDITION MEETING:** November 17, 2:20pm-3pm

**AUDITIONS:** November 28 & 29

- Sign up for a 45-minute slot on either day (prepare 1-minute song)
- Mandatory group dance audition on November 29 from 2:30pm-4pm

**CALL BACKS:** November 30 from 2:30pm-4:30pm

**MORE INFO AT:** [hammondhightheatre.org](https://hammondhightheatre.org)