

HAMMOND THEATRE PRESENTS

**The Curious
\$avage**

By John Patrick

November 18-20, 2021



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The Curious Savage is presented by special arrangement
with Dramatist's Play Service, Inc., New York.

Directors' Notes

The Cloisters is a sanctuary from the harsh reality of the real world, and its guests live a protected, structured life. *The Curious Savage* is a sort of personal sanctuary for me. I was lucky enough to perform as Fairy May in high school, and I directed John Patrick's comic gem in my second year at Hammond in 2005. It is comforting to be able to return to full production work after 19 months with this familiar, heartwarming story.

Mrs. Savage wants what everyone wants--to want nothing. She would like to give her late husband's fortune away to spread goodwill, much to the chagrin of her three greedy step-children. She meets a variety of eccentric strangers when she is committed to The Cloisters, and they quickly become dear friends. She learns from their innocence and they learn from her courage. The world needs more people like Ethel P. Savage, people who are fearless in their commitment to kindness, with a wild sense of fashion, and a genuine appreciation of teddy bears.

The Curious Savage is 70 years old this year, but its themes of acceptance and gratitude are as relevant as ever...the more things change, the more they stay the same. One thing that won't stay the same for Hammond Theatre, however, is this space. This is the last fall play that will be performed in this auditorium, as the final stage of the renovation starts in June 2022. We look forward to updating our space (fingers crossed for more comfortable seats in the house!) and continuing many of our traditions from the first 44 years of Hammond Theatre. I am immensely proud of this cast and crew for their dedication, creative problem solving and collaboration throughout this process. Acting in masks, building a set with no shop, and relearning the production process hasn't been easy, but this group has risen to the challenge.

Laughter is good for the soul and shared laughter is pure magic. Thank you for being here so we can revive the magic that we have been missing. Oh, and when you leave, please "take an umbrella, it's raining."

- Lauren Tobiason

"And if I laugh at any mortal thing, 'tis that I may not weep." -Lord Byron

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SETTING: The Cloisters, Massachusetts, 1950

Act 1, Scene 1: Night

Act 1, Scene 2: The next morning

Act 2, Scene 1: That night, after dinner

10 minute INTERMISSION

Act 2, Scene 2: A few nights later

Act 3: A few minutes later

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

- Jonathan Hawkins for sound assistance
- Pat Burns for head shot photography
- TacoBird, Inc., for printing our awesome spirit wear
- Jen McDonald for meal coordination
- Hammond Boosters for their continuous support
- Restore in Columbia for the donation of the China cabinet
- DWT Interiors for donation of curtain rods and curtains
- Suzi Padgett for the perfect bear
- Sarah Lynn Nibber for thoughtful feedback
- Our student production team: Carter, Matthew and Julia for relentless problem solving
- Ms. Rosenbaum for the use of the art room during tech days
- Theatre department families for generously donating their time and energy

In consideration of the performers and the audience, use of LCD screens and noisemaking electronic devices is 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

MRS. SAVAGE	Rachel England Jenna Dodge
FAIRY MAY	Gertie Vance
FLORENCE	Kayleigh Maclean Rin Goodlin
HANNIBAL	Carter Jones
JEFF	Matthew Dietrich Marshieh Johnson
MRS. PADDY	Samantha Biggs Gabrielle Gordon
TITUS	Michael McDonald Sebastian Hurt
LILY BELLE	Kennedy Grant Deborah <u>Asomuyide</u>
SAMUEL	Deacon Sweeting Farhan Aslam
DR. EMMETT	Isabel Moskov Gabriel Porter
MISS WILLIE	Julia Steinberg Maya Stepp

Performers listed first appear in the evening performances.
Those listed second appear in the Saturday matinee.

The Crew

Sound

Maureen Addow
Melina Guth
Megan Martin*
Vy Tran
Sophia Tran*
Naima Wolfe*

Lights

Grant Bierce*
Jason Blanco*
Akil Brathwaite
Christian Gilbert*
Jakob Henschell*
Jasmine Laban*
Jacquie Somerville*

Construction/Paint

Kaelyn Baggett
Sam Baldwin*
Crystal Bawi
Cal Harrison
Robin Liao
Gabrielle Lloyd
Jackson Mansolilo
Sarah Oyemade
Olivia Raley
Keiry Reyes
Maggie Vance*

Costumes/Makeup

Jena Drabenstadt
Bella Kaguyatan
Ayla Kickhofel
Mikayla Powell

* Denotes Running Crew

Production Team

Director: **Mrs. Lauren Tobiason**

Technical Director: **Mr. Donald Chiarella**

Assistant to the Director: **Mr. Pat Burns**

Stage Manager: **Carter Rakestraw**

Assistant Directors: **Matthew Dietrich, Julia Steinberg**

Costume Design: **Julia Steinberg, Rachel England**

Publicity: **Rachel England**

Biographies

FARHAN ASLAM (Samuel) is a junior at Hammond. He's an Exchange Student from Pakistan who likes movies, music and philosophy.

DEBORAH ASOMUYIDE (Lily Belle) is a freshman who is excited to be a part of her first production at Hammond. She is looking forward to acting in more plays to come.

SAMANTHA BIGGS (Mrs. Paddy) is a senior this year and has been with the theatre department since her freshman year. She has always done tech crew for the plays so this is her first time acting in the play. She loves everyone in the department and is super excited to be in the show this year!

SAVANNAH DE LEEUW (Special Guest) is a 6th grade student at Hammond MS. She has grown up attending and supporting Hammond HS theatre productions and is excited to be on stage this year.

MATTHEW DIETRICH (Jeffrey, Assistant Director), a junior, is excited to be performing in his fourth performance at Hammond, and is so grateful to have worked with all involved, and hopes you enjoy the show!

JENNA DODGE (Mrs. Savage) is a freshman and is thrilled to be participating in her first Hammond production. She enjoys working with this fabulous cast and crew and hopes you enjoy the show!

RACHEL ENGLAND (Mrs. Savage) is a senior and cannot believe that this is her final Hammond play. She has been involved with the Hammond Theatre Department since freshman year. She is so excited for everyone to see this wonderful and quirky play and has truly enjoyed working with every single member involved in the cast and production. Enjoy the show!

RIN GOODLIN (Florence Williams) enjoys getting to work with other people and seeing others perspectives. They are a big science & psychology nerd and dumplings are their favorite food.

GABRIELLA GORDON (Mrs. Paddy) is currently a sophomore at Hammond. She enjoys acting and this is her first play. She is very excited but also nervous!

KENNEDY GRANT (Lily Belle) is thrilled to perform in *The Curious Savage* her junior year! This will be her fourth production in the Hammond Theatre Department.

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SEBASTIAN HURT (Titus) is a sophomore and this is his first in-person production at Hammond High School. You can also find him in the Howard County All County Improv troupe.

MARSHIEH JOHNSON (Jeffrey) is extremely excited to be in the show. He has been trying to study his lines and find some props to help bring in but unfortunately he can't.

CARTER JONES (Hannibal) is a senior in high school this year. He has been in a total of 15 musicals, with *The Curious Savage* being his first play. Carter is the secretary for the Hammond's International Thespian Society and a leader on the Improv Team. He is looking forward to participating in theatre after a long break.

KAYLEIGH MACLEAN (Florence Williams) is so excited to be a part of *The Curious Savage* as her first Hammond Production, and to be involved in the theatre department, both in classes and extracurriculars.

MICHAEL McDONALD (Titus) is a senior this year and is grateful to be taking part in his last Hammond play with such a wonderful cast.

ISABEL MOSKOV (Dr. Emmett) is a senior and excited to be in her fifth show at Hammond! She has been a part of theatre since her freshman year and has grown so much during her time here. This will be her last fall play in high school and she hopes you enjoy it!

GABRIEL PORTER (Dr. Emmett) is a junior at Hammond who loves to paint and read. He is involved with SAGA, marching band, and the tennis team. He hopes for the best out of everyone at Hammond!

CARTER RAKESTRAW (Stage Manager) is a junior at Hammond this year. He enjoys telling people what to do.

JULIA STEINBERG (Miss Willie, Assistant Director) is excited to be in her 4th Hammond production as a junior. She is so grateful to be onstage again and would like to thank everyone involved. You're all amazing!

MAYA STEPP (Miss Willie) is excited to work with such an amazing cast & crew and hopes you enjoy this hilarious performance.

DEACON SWEETING (Samuel) "We Are Savages! You're Hard!"

GERTIE VANCE (Fairy May) is a junior and this is her third production with Hammond. She is excited to be doing live theatre again, and would like to thank Mrs. Tobiason, the cast and crew, and her family.

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FREAKY FRIDAY

A NEW MUSICAL

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

November 23, 11:15am

AUDITIONS

November 30 - 12/3 (online registration required)

PERFORMANCES

March 3-5, 2022

- 24-HOUR PLAY -

February 5, 2022 - 7pm

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