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by A.R. Gurney

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Nick,
Keep sharing your talent!
Love, Aunt Kim, Aunt Kelley,
& the whole family

Brianna,
We are very proud of you and love
watching you shine on stage!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Taylor

Kareena,
We love watching you perform!
Love, Your family

Connor,
Love watching you on stage!
-The Kumars

Congrats Nicholas,
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Director's Notes

More than twenty-five years ago, I was on the tech crew when my high school staged *The Dining Room*. Since then, it has been one of the regulars in my mind when considering plays I wanted to work on. It stayed with me so strongly over all these years that I jumped at the opportunity to bring it to the Methacton High School Theatre Company this year.

From a strictly logistical perspective, it was the perfect play to bring live theatre back to MHS. Each individual scene is performed with only a couple of people and the scenes interweave beautifully together. It gave us the chance to call small group rehearsals and work around the unknowns of what this first full year back in the building would bring. From a character perspective, with so many various personalities, I knew there would be something for everyone.

To say the students exceeded my wildest expectations would be a huge understatement. They have given such heart and charisma to these scenes, it takes my breath away. I am consistently blown away by the depth and talent of our students in the Methacton High School Theatre Company and am beyond grateful that I have been given the opportunity to work with each and every one of them.

I hope you are all as happy as I am, finally getting to see *The Dining Room* come to life in front of you. Congratulations to our entire cast and crew on a job well done. As our illustrious host says, "To all of us!"

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METHACTON HIGH SCHOOLTHEATRE
COMPANY

Methacton High School Theatre Company's mission is to present to the community the best plays written by the world's greatest playwrights. The company is also committed to maintaining a strong educational theatre program that fosters an ensemble spirit and enables students to learn:

Acting

Citizenship

Comparative Art

Choreography

Critical Thinking

Dance

Design

Directing

&

Stage Management

**Hailey,
Enjoy your senior year!
Great job!
-The Freys**

**Kareena and Olivia,
Wonderful choreography and performance, congrats!
-The Kumars**

**Gabi,
So proud!
-Mom**

Q,
**We are so excited for you! Keep en-
tertaining us!**
-M&D

Q,
**I am here, eve if you didn't go
to any hockey games.**
-MJ

Erin,
**Enjoy your senior year!
You're a superstar!**
- The Freys



CAST:

Alex Pack.....Ellie, Chris
Ava Nascimento.....Dora
Brianna LaFreeda.....Aggie
Cece Montalbano.....Annie, Birthday Party Kid
Connor Geib.....Grandfather, Jim
Cora Heiser.....Arthur, Nick
Elena Chaya.....Paul, David
Emily Krischner.....Birthday Party Kid, Bertha
Emmalyn Koch.....Grace, Brewster, Tony
Erin Donovan.....Sandra, Sarah
Evan Avelar.....Birthday Party Kid, Ben, Gordon, Standish
Hailey Grawe.....Carolyn, Peggy, Table Setter
Kareena Kumar.....Mother/Ruth, Psychiatrist
Kranthi Junnotula.....Beth
Laine Spang.....Margery
Mandi Chesney.....Birthday Party Kid, Emily
Max King.....Father/Host, Ted, Harvey
Michael Legnola.....Billy, Dinner Party Guest
Mimi Cavallo.....Sally, Claire
Natalie Zebrowski.....Winkie, Meg
Nick Johnson.....Stuart, Dick
Nora Alaishuski.....Howard, Aunt Harriet
Olivia Davidson.....Nancy, Kate, Table Setter
Paige Alaishuski.....Girl, Old Lady, Table Setter
Quintin Frey.....Michael, Fred
Raz Remaley.....Architect
Taylor Kaminski.....Client, Helen, Table Setter, Dinner Party Guest
Tom MacNeal.....Boy, Birthday Party Kid
Zoe Alai.....Agent, Birthday Party Kid

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director/Producer..... Mary Fitzgerald
Stage Manager.....Denise Naylor
Student Stage Manager.....Connor Geib
Student Tech Director/Sound Engineer....Sarah Kenwood
Costume Coordinator.....Mary Fitzgerald
Student Costume Coordinators.....Elena Chaya,
Taylor Kaminski
Seamstress.....Hailey Grawe
Prop Coordinators.....Mary Fitzgerald & Denise Naylor
Student Props Master.....Quintin Frey
Hair and Makeup Coordinators.....Erin Donovan,
Mimi Cavallo
Program.....Beckie Culp
Graphic Artist.....Nora Alaishuski
Tickets.....Betty Nascimento
Photography/Head Shots.....Betty Nascimento
Senior Tech Director.....Sarah Kenwood
TechCrew
Isabella Mandraccihia, Jacqueline Cohen, Johnathan Bean,
Kathleen Kenny, Kyson Godoy, Zarrina Damavandi



Congratulations Emily, you are a star tonight! We are so proud of you!
Love, Nana & Papa

Hi Emily!
You did amazing in the play! I can't wait to see what you do next! :)
Ethan

Natalie (aka Winkie & Meg)
From a 7yr old birthday girl to a desperate mom of 3! Watching you grow as an actress has been an amazing journey! So proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

**Cecelia,
Good Job!
Your friend, Kranthi**

**WAY TO GO EMILY!
We are super proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad**

**Emily,
Congratulations on your first
role, you ROCKED it! I am so
proud!
Love, Grandma**



We are so glad to be back on stage!
Thank you all for supporting our show!

Cast



Alex Pack is an MHS sophomore who has been doing theatre for two years now and loves everything about it. The Dining Room will be her fifth production. Her favorite roles/shows up to this point include Mr. Mushnik in Little Shop of Horrors and featured ensemble in Urinetown. Alex has enjoyed her first-ever play immensely and is looking forward to the upcoming musical as well as her future in MHSTC very much. She would like to thank her absolutely incredible cast-mates and directors for everything this fall and for making The Dining Room an unforgettable experience.



Ava Nascimento is very excited to be in her first show at Methacton. Ava is in 9th grade. She has been in multiple shows in the past, including Mary Poppins and Peter Pan at Arcola.



Brianna LaFreed is a freshman so this is her first show at Methacton High School. She has been involved in many shows at Firebird Theatre, COMAD, as well as MCT in the past. Some of her favorite roles include Maleficent (Sleeping Beauty), Evil Stepsister (Cinderella), Tessie (Annie), and Sharpay (High School Musical). She appreciates everyone's time and efforts on this show!



Cece Montalbano is in 9th and is so excited to be in this production. In the past she has done musicals such as Mary Poppins and Peter Pan, but this is her first play. Cece is so thankful for this experience and opportunity.

**Max,
Te Amo, MiJo!!
Love, Mom**

**Max,
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad**

**Connor,
Break a leg! So excited
to see you back on
stage.
Love, Mom**

Cast

**Seniors,
Great job guys! Thanks for a
great 4 years!
-Olivia**

**Connor and Kareena,
Shout out to my talented fel-
low presidents! Love you both!
-Olivia**

**Max,
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad**



Connor Geib is a senior and excited to play Grandfather and Jim. He is a President, Stage manager, and Public Relations and Fundraising officer for Methacton High School Theatre and Warriors Performance Group. He is also a Tenor Section leader as well as Vice President for chorus, choral, and jazz chorus. He has participated in several other productions over the years including in and out of Methacton. His most recent roles are Senator Fip in Urinetown at MHSTC, Matt Galloway in The Laramie Project at MHSTC, MacGregor in Brigadoon at MHSTC, Frances Nurse in The Crucible at MHSTC, and Karl in Big Fish at Firebird Theatre. He plans on pursuing musical theatre in college. He would like to thank his family and friends that have always supported him, and thanks to his fellow seniors for making his four years enjoyable. He would also like to send a special thank you to his fellow presidents, Kareena and Olivia, for always being there for him.



Cora Heiser (Arthur/Nick) is excited to be in her second year of Methacton High School theater. She has performed in many other shows, including Arcola's Mary Poppins Jr as Mrs. Andrews, and Firebird's The Little Mermaid Jr as Andrina. She is thrilled to be able to be back in theater after a year. She would like to thank Mrs.



Elena Chaya (Paul, David) is a junior at MHS and this is her 5th MHSTC performance. She loves acting and has found the task of playing different characters in the same show to be very challenging, but rewarding. She would like to thank the entire cast, crew, and staff of the MHSTC for working so hard to make this production possible. As her first live performance in a year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, she is so excited to bring to life this incredible show.

Cast



Emily Kirschner is a sophomore, and she plays the roles of Bertha and a birthday party kid. This is her first play. She hasn't been in any plays or musicals in the past, but she's planning on taking part in the musical this spring. She hopes you enjoy the show :)



Emmalyn Koch (Grace/Brewster/Tony) is elated to return to the Methacton High School stage and perform on it live for the first time! Emmalyn recently portrayed Sebastian in "The Little Mermaid Jr." over the summer with Firebird and Little Becky Two-Shoes in "Urinetown" at MHS last spring. Emmalyn has also performed in the Ensemble of "Shrek the Musical" at the Walnut Street Theatre, in addition to many other plays and musicals over the years. She would like to thank her parents and remember her Mommom during this performance.



Erin Donovan (she/her) is so excited to be performing in MHSTC's production of "The Dining Room". Erin is playing the roles of Sarah and Sandra. This is her 7th MHSTC production. Some of her past favorite roles include Ann Putnam in "The Crucible" as well as Ogre Fiona in "Shrek The Musical". She would like to thank her family for believing in her and helping her get this far, as well as her friends Hailey, Quintin, Laine, Quinn, Luke, and Mimi for making this experience enjoyable.



Evan Avelar is a Junior. The Dining Room is Evan's 4th high school production. He is very happy to be a part of the Methacton Theatre family. Evan also performs bass guitar, percussion, keyboard and vocals with The Music Depot's band company. He looks forward to future productions and working more with the wonderful director.

Break a leg Taylor!

We love you!

- MM, PP, Poppy and MM

**Have an amazing
show Taylor and
MHSTC cast and crew!**

Max,

**You're amazing,
keep it up!**

Love, Dad

Cast

**Go Michael!!!
Love, Mom and Dad**



Hailey Grawe, a senior, is so excited to be participating in this year's production of The Dining Room. She is proud to be playing the role of Peggy, Carolyn, and table setter. She has participated in MHSTCs "The Crucible", "Urinetown" and the Warriors Performance Group. She wants to thank her friends and family for supporting her and Erin, Quintin, and Laine for making this year so much more fun!

**Good Luck Mike!
Love, your favorite sister**



Kareena Kumar is thrilled to be a part of The Dining Room this year! Kareena is a senior and serves as Co-President, Co-Choreographer, and PR/Fundraising for the theatre company. This is Kareena's 7th show with MHSTC, participating in previous shows such as A Christmas Carol, Fiddler on the Roof, The Crucible, Brigadoon, The Laramie Project, and Urinetown. Kareena also dances outside of school and has been for 15 years. Kareena would like to thank her family, friends, and directors for always supporting her, with a special shout out to her parents for all that they do, as well as her Co-Presidents Connor and Olivia for being her best friends.

**So Proud of you Taylor!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Jordan**



Kranthi Junnotula is a freshman at MHS and is thrilled to be part of The Dining Room production. She has already been part of many shows such as Annie and Mulan at various studios. This is her first school production at Methacton and she is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this cast and community.

Cast



Laine Spang a senior, is so excited to be performing in *All Together Now!* She has not done chorus since eighth grade in select chorus so she is very pleased to be singing in school again! Two of her favorite theater roles were Belle in *A Christmas Carol* and Fiona in *Shrek the Musical*. She wants to thank her friends and family for always showing up to the productions she was a part of.



Mandi Chesney (Emily, *Birthday Party Kid*) is a freshman this year and is extremely excited to be performing in MHS's production of *The Dining Room*. This is her fourth show to date, and her first non-musical play. One of her favorite roles was playing Smee in Arcola Intermediate's production of *Peter Pan Jr.* She is very appreciative to her family and theatre family for supporting her and, more importantly, making this experience very fun! She's made a lot of good friends this year and can't wait to do more shows with MHS!



Max King (Father/Host, Ted, Harvey) is incredibly excited to be participating the MHSTC production of *The Dining Room*. He has participated in 4 previous shows with the highschool company including "The Crucible", "Brigadoon", "The Laramie project", and "Urinetown". He cannot wait to perform his scenes the long awaited live audience after 2020. He would like to thank his family for their support and all of his music and acting instructors for their help in assisting him in finding a love for performance and singing.

**Nicholas,
Keep reaching for your
goals.
Love, Pops**

**Nicholas,
Great Job!
Love, Aunt Kimmy,
Aunt Kelley, and the whole
family**

**Nicholas,
From your first play to your
last, we loved every minute!
Love, Mom and Dad**

Cast

Raz,
The great Architect! Executing
great skill on the stage. Couldn't
be more proud. God Bless.
Love, Dad



Michael Legnola has been in the theater program for three years. He participated in MARY Poppins Jr. and Peter Pan Jr. while in Arcola, both of which were well produced shows, and is now working with the high school theater production team in The Dining Room. He likes sleeping in, eating all kinds of fun foods, and spending time with friends and family. He plays chess, soccer, and is a part of The (Boy) Scouts of America. He is considering becoming a teacher or an Author, with other professions lingering in the background for consideration. He enjoys acting and wants to inspire others to try it out. He is always looking to brighten people's day and look for new opportunities.

Zim,
So proud of you, always. Love you
more than toast!
Love, Mom, Scott, Daige, Jude, and
Kitty



Mimi Cavallo is so excited to be performing in MHSTC's production of The Dining Room! Mimi has been doing theatre for nearly twelve years, and some of her previous shows include Trojan Women (Ensemble), Cinderella Jr (Cinderella), and Urinetown (Dr. Billeaux). She has loved getting to work with such a talented and dedicated cast and crew, and is excited to continue theatre in the future. Mimi would like to thank her friends and family for their continued support!

Ava,
We are proud & thrilled for U!
Excited to see U grow!
LUV, Mom, Dad, & Eros



Natalie Zebrowski (Winkie and Meg) is a sophomore at the Methacton High School and is very happy to be back on stage in front of a live audience. Her favorite roles she has played have been Ursula in Firebird Theater's The Little Mermaid Jr. and Mr. McQueen in Methacton High School Theater Company's Urinetown last year. Natalie would like to thank her friends and family for their constant support and enthusiasm when it comes to theater. She would also like to wish the cast and crew an amazing performance!

Cast



Nick Johnson is a Senior, and this will be his seventh production as a part of the MHS Theater Company. He will be playing the roles of Stuart and Dick. This will be his final play at Methacton and he is looking forward to his final musical in the spring. Nick would like to thank his mom and dad, his mommom and pops, his Aunt Kimmy, Aunt Kelly and Aunt Chrissy, his cousins Jess, Jacque, Emily, Emma, and the rest of his family that has supported him throughout his theater career. He hopes to continue his love of theater throughout his college years.

**Mandi,
We love you and are so proud of
you! We can't wait to see you in
many more performances at
MHS!
Love, Mom and Dad**



Nora Alaihuski is delighted to be playing Howard and Aunt Harriet in this production of "The Dining Room". She also got the wonderful opportunity to do graphic design for the show, including the show poster, show logo, and Playbill cover. Nora has been performing for about five years in numerous shows at Methacton, the Conservatory of Music and Dance, and Firebird Theatre. Some of her notable roles include Mrs. Lovett in "Sweeney Todd", Orin Scrivello DDS in "Little Shop of Horrors", Anna in "Frozen", and the Baker's Wife in "Into the Woods"! Nora would like to thank her cast mates and the crew for making this another great show experience.

**Emmalyn,
Break a leg! We're so
proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad,
and Callie**



Olivia Davidson is very excited to be playing Nancy and Kate in Methacton High School Theatre Company's performance of The Dining Room. She is a senior and also a part of the Warrior's Performance Group at Methacton. Olivia has been dancing for many years and plans to study Dance in college along with Event Management. This is Olivia's seventh MHSTC show and her first year as a President and Choreographer. This is Olivia's second year as a Fundraising Officer and as a part of the PR Team for the company. Outside of performing, Olivia is a part of the National Honor Society and is a Student Ambassador for the school. Olivia is thrilled to be able to continue performing and would like to thank her family, friends, and the entire cast for supporting her and making the show so much fun to be in!

**Tom,
So excited to watch you on
stage!
- Mom, Dad, and Aud**

Cast

**Erin,
You got this!
Love, Liam**



Paige Alaishuski (Girl/Old Lady) is a sophomore, and is really enjoying her second year in the MHS Theatre Company! She has been performing in productions for over five years, and she is thrilled to add "The Dining Room" to her growing list of over 20 productions. Her favorite roles have been Jovie in "Elf", Tobias Ragg in "Sweeney Todd", and Elsa in "Frozen". As well as performing, Paige enjoys teaching theatre to younger kids through interning for productions like "The Addams Family" and "Annie". She would like to thank the cast, crew, and faculty, especially Mrs. Fitzgerald for helping live theatre return to the Methacton stage and making this show such a fun experience!

**Erin,
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad**



Quintin Frey is currently a junior at MHS and has participated in the fall play and spring musical for the past three years. He serves as propmaster and treasurer for the high school theater group. Quintin also is a member of the Warrior Performance Group, Chorale, and Jazz Choir. He is excited to be back on the real stage together with his castmates, and he thanks them, his family, and staff for all of their support.

**Daige & Nora,
We are so proud to see you
live on stage again!
Love, Mom and Dad**



Raz(aka Zim) Remaley is excited to be in this production of The Dining Room as The Architect. Previously, he has been Grimsby in Firebirds The Little Mermaid jr and a personal favorite of his was LeFou in Arcolas Beauty and the Beast jr. Zim can't wait for this years musical and the chance to help with costuming. He'd like to thank his close friend May for being there.

Cast



Taylor Kaminski is thrilled to be performing in her 5th Methacton High School Theater Company production. She is performing as Client and Helen, and some of her previous shows with the company include Urinetown, The Laramie Project, Brigadoon, and The Crucible. Her favorite role was The Enchantress in Arcola Intermediate Schools production of Beauty and the Beast Junior. She is a junior who works as a vice president and secretary for the company, as well as the dance captain and costume coordinator on the production staff. Taylor is also involved in Warriors Performance Group, Warriors Dance Squad, Habitat for Humanity, and is an MHS Student Ambassador. She would like to thank her family for all they do to support her. She would also like to give a special shout out to every student involved in this show, as they all work so hard and are so talented. Finally, she would like to thank her friends "Memes" and "Q" for getting her through every rehearsal and bringing her lots of laughs.



Tom MacNeel is a freshman, and "The Dining Room" is his first 'real' experience working in a theatre company. When he was in elementary school, he took part in a performance about a farm, but besides that, this is one his first experience, of many, working as a team with a theatre company. For fun he likes to walk his dogs and buy random things from Amazon. He also enjoys



Zoe Alai is a freshman at MHS. She has been in several productions including Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors, Taylor McKessie in High School Musical, and Tanya in Mamma Mia. She's been participating in theater since she was 8 years old and has been dancing since she was 5. Zoe is overjoyed at the wonderful opportunities provided at Methacton and is honored to be working with such an amazing cast.

**Zoe,
You did great!
Your friend, Kranthi**

**Kranthi,
Awesome job!
Keep up the good work!
With Love,
Mom and Dad**

**Tom,
Wish we could be there.
- Hank and Juno**

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Choreographers.....

Kareena Kumar & Olivia Davidson

Stage Manager.....

Connor Geib

Prop Manager.....

Quintin Frey

Costume Coordinators.....

Elena Chaya & Taylor Kaminski

Hair and Makeup Coordinators.....

Erin Donovan & Mimi Cavallo

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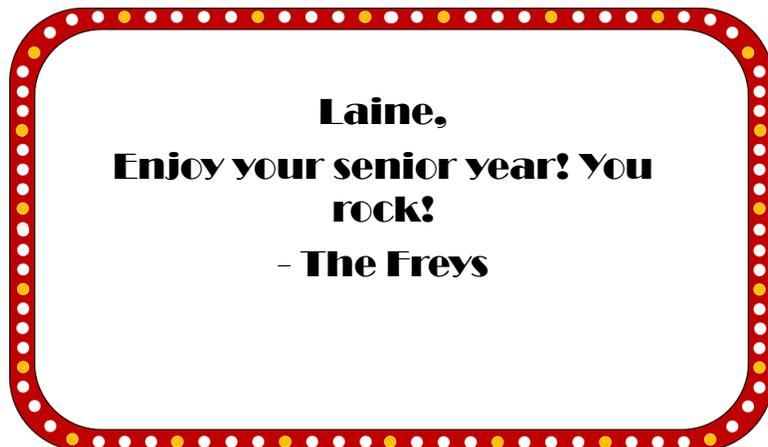
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