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JEWISH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE BAY presents The MUSICAL
COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 By Tohn Bishop

Jewish Community High School Of The Bay **JCHS Performing Arts Center**

PRESENTS

THE MUSICAL COMEDY **MURDERS OF 1940**

John Bishop

with

Sam Arneson Martin Cohen Danielle Flbaz Becky Grintsaig Ellie Grintsaig Ben Michelson Julia Perlov

Maya Reihanian Ben Robinow Tessa Zitter

Scenic Design Noah Kramer**

Assistant Stage Manager Ari Denbera

Additional Sound Design Ophir Weisberg

Original Music by Rory Dale**

Stage Manager Joe McDonald*

Kai Morrison**

Lighting Rebecca Wahba

Original Songs Ben Michelson

Fight Choreography Assistant Costume Design Eliana Aiken

Directed by Dylan Russell*

* denotes a JCHS Professional Community Member ** denotes a Guest Artist

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 is presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service. 440 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016 Phone: 212-683-8960 Fax: 212-213-1539

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CAST

Cast Members (In Order of Appearance)

Helsa Wenzel	Maya Reihanian ('19)
Elsa Von Grossenknueten	Danielle Elbaz ('17)
Michael Kelly	Ellie Grintsaig ('19)
Patrick O'Reilly	Sam Arneson ('19)
Ken De La Maize	Martin Cohen ('19)
Nikki Crandall	Julia Perlov ('16)
Eddie McCuen	Ben Robinow ('19)
Marjorie Baverstock / Fight Captain	Tessa Zitter ('17)
Roger Hopewell	Ben Michelson ('18)
Bernice Roth	Becky Grintsaig ('17)
Understudy	Maya Menachem ('19)
Production / Creative	
Assistant Director / Fight Captain	Jones Bealum ('16)
Additional Sound Design	Ophir Weisberg ('16)
Assistant Stage Manager	Ari Denberg ('16)
Lighting	Rebecca Wahba ('16)
Assistant Costume Design	Eliana Aiken ('17)
Stage Hand	Avima Aniela Zuliani ('19)
Stage Hand	Avram Rosenzweig ('19)
Stage Hand	Eliana Carasso ('16)
Stage Hand	Nathan Magid ('19)
Stage Hand	Jared Kasoff ('19)
Stage Hand	Kaela Mandler ('19)
House Manager	Scottie Hanna ('16)

With sensitivity to diversity of religious practice, we want community members to know in advance that this drama has musical performances incorporated in it.



Eliana Aiken ('17)

Assistant Costume Design

Eliana is thrilled to be assistant costume designer for the show! She was assistant costume designer for JCHS's last musical "Urinetown" and head costume designer for "Belfast Kind." Eliana has been sewing for over five years and loves the theater vibe! She hopes you enjoy the show!



Sam Arneson ('19)

as Patrick O'Reilly

Sam has always been dramatic before he knew it could be called acting, yet has not been a part of a JCHS production until now. This show has given Sam the opportunity to grow as an actor, and he feels that his acting skills have advanced thanks to the talented Ms. Russell. He enjoys being in "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" immensely, and loves the warm and friendly environment created by Ms. Russell, Mr. McDonald, and the entire cast. Special thanks to Ms. Russell and Mr. McDonald, for helping him with everything from blocking to giving him that extra boost of confidence when he needed it, the cast for being so supportive all the time, and last but certainly not least, his mother, for always pushing him to be his best self in life. Enjoy the show!



Jones Bealum ('16) Assistant Director / Fight Captain

Jones is incredibly touched and saddened at the knowledge that this will be her last JCHS production. She would like to thank Ms. Russell and Mr. McDonald for all of the support and kindness she has received throughout her years in high school. Assistant directing could not have been a better way for her to end this journey. As always, she would like to thank her family and The Squad!



Eliana Carasso ('16)

Stage Hand

Though Ellie is a Senior, this will be her first time doing Tech! She's super pumped to finally have a hand in putting on one of JCHS's incredible shows. She's thankful to practically all of her friends for being theater nerds who, after many years, finally managed to coax her into giving tech a try.



Martin Cohen ('19)

as Ken De La Maize

This is Martin's first show at JCHS, and he's so excited to be part of it. He's enjoyed working with everyone involved with the show tremendously. He has learned so much, and just can not wait to be involved in a show again in the future.



Ari Denberg ('16)

Assistant Stage Manager

This is Ari's fifth and final show at JCHS. She would like to thank the wonderful cast and crew for making this show what it is, her friends and family for all of their support, and the JCHS theater program for being such a meaningful part of her life.



Danielle Elbaz ('17)

as Elsa Von Grossenknueten

Danielle has had an amazing time portraying Elsa Von Grossenkneuten in "The Musical Comedy of Murders 1940!" This is her second show and she hopes to continue in the future! She would like to thank Ms. Russell and Mr. McDonald for everything they have taught her. She would also like to thank her parents, teachers and friends for their amazing support!



Becky Grintsaig ('17)

as Bernice Roth

This is Becky's eighth show at JCHS, and she is so excited to be on stage again and participate in this wonderful show. Enjoy "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940!"



Ellie Grintsaig ('19)

as Michael Kelly

Ellie is very excited to be a part of her second show at JCHS. She's had such a great time with the cast and crew while working on this play, and she looks forward to participating in more shows in the future. She'd also like to thank the academy for this amazing opportunity. She hopes you enjoy the show and would like to remind you to stay in school and say "no" to drugs.



Jared Kasoff ('19)

Stage Hand

This is Jared's first show, and he is very excited to be in Tech. He would like to thank Avram for bugging him to join Tech. Jared also also joined Tech for his innate love for technology and computers. He enjoys ultimate, food and being on the computer. Shapow!



Kaela Mandler ('19)

Stage Hand

This is Kaela's first show! She is very excited to working backstage in the JCHS Tech Department. She would like to thank Talya Shapero for introducing her to Tech. Along with tech Kaela enjoys playing volleyball and eating ice.



Nathan Magid ('19)

Stage Hand

Nathan is excited to be working on his second play at JCHS. He had so much fun running lights during his first play - "Belfast Kind" - that he had to come back and join Mr. McDonald's minions.



Ben Michelson ('18)

as Roger Hopewell

Ben is a member of the JCHS Instrumental Ensemble, Basketball Program, Chess Club, and now- happily- theater! Ben wants to thank Ms. Russell and the entire company for an awesome time!



Julia Perlov ('16)

as Nikki Crandall

Julia Perlov is thrilled to be a part of her fifth show at JCHS and very excited to be playing the part of Nikki Crandall! She would like to thank her friends, family, and cast for being so supportive and hopes you enjoy the show!



Maya Reihanian ('19)

as Helsa Wenzel

Maya is so happy to be in her first play here at JCHS! She would like to thank Ben and her mom for giving her rides after every late rehearsal, the entire company for giving us food, and the whole production team for being super caring and such a really great resource!



Ben Robinow ('19)

as Eddie McCuen

Ben is very happy to be participating in his first play at JCHS! He has had so much fun rehearsing with the cast and hopes you enjoy the show! He would like to thank Ms. Russell and Mr. McDonald for the amazing help and opportunity. He would additionally like to thank his brother Gabe for inspiring him to partake in the JCHS Theater experience - he played the role of Milky White's tush in "ITW"



Avram Rosenzweig ('19)

Stage Hand

Avram LOVES tech, though he is not sure what exactly he does in tech, but he likes it. He would like to thank Nathan for reminding him about tech because otherwise he would never even have done it, Becca for teaching him stuff, giving him rides, and just being Becca, Mr. McDonald for teaching him other stuff and being a great guy who deals with annoying little freshmen with such patience. Bye!



Rebecca Wahba ('16)

Lighting

This is Rebecca's last show at JCHS. She is so grateful that she was able to have this experience. She would like to thank her grandmother Rachel for introducing her to the world of theatre. She would also like to thank Mr. McDonald for teaching her everything she knows about theatre, and everyone who has been part of this department during her time here because they made it feel like a family!



Ophir Weisberg ('16) Addition

Additional Sound Design

He loves his work as a sound designer and could not thank Mr. McDonald enough for teaching him the ethics of his job and how to work with a large group of people that require everyone to work hard to make the show work. "Without the way Mr. McDonald mentored me, I would not be where I am today or where I plan to be in the future."



Tessa Zitter ('17) as Marjorie Baverstock / Fight Captain
Tessa is so excited to participate in her ninth show at JCHS. She
would like to thank her parents for being so supportive of all of the
time that she spends in the JCHS Theater instead of at home. And
of course Ms. Russell and Mr. McDonald for always being



Avima Aniela Zuliani ('19)

awesome and supportive.

Stage Hand

Avima and her pet skull Yorick are overjoyed to be a part of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" for their second production. After many late nights, Avima has sworn to never do this again, while clearing space in her calendar for the next show. I would like to thank "my mother, my dog, and clowns."

We would like to thank the following people and organizations who have assisted us in our production of *The Musical Comedy Murders* of 1940.

Michael Shapero and the JCHS kitchen professionals for snacks and dinners to keep us energized; Martin Pike; Weapons of Choice; Berkeley Repertory Theatre; Douglas Morrison Theatre; Officers Rudy Dumandan, Nate Green and Mitch Schlachterman for helping us on late nights; Flying Moose Video; Dawn and Josh Denberg for managing our wonderful parent organization, and the entire JCHS community for their support and consideration of our production of *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*.

For Your Information

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 will be performed with one ten minute intermission.

Latecomers will be seated at a suitable break or scene change.

In the event of an emergency, exits are located at the rear of the theater. For everyone's safety, please exit in a calm and orderly fashion.

The use of cameras (with or without flash), recorders of any type, or other electronic devices inside the theater is strictly prohibited.

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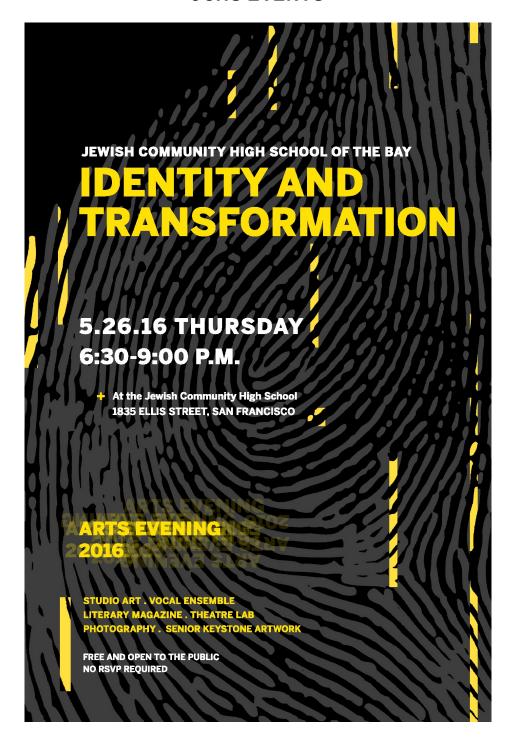
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JCHS DRAMA HONORS GRADUATING SENIORS

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN JCHS DRAMA AND ARE GRADUATING THIS JUNE. THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT DURING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS. WE THANK THEM, AND WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS AS THEY CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY.

ENCORE

These students have actively participated in eight or more productions during their four years at JCHS.

Jones Bealum | Nate Kreeger | Olivia Rudd | Becca Wahba

HIGH HONORS

These students have actively participated in four or more productions during their four years at JCHS.

Ashley Aucar | Ari Denberg | Scottie Hanna | Julia Perlov

Max Simon | Ophir Weisberg

HONORS

These seniors have actively participated in one or more productions during their four years at JCHS.

Eva Adana | Mika Bekkerman | Josh Burg

Eliana Carasso | Michael Gofman | Jordan Kochavi | Eric Korman