

THE ALTER CASTLE PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT



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By David Auburn

**OCTOBER 8-11**

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The Christine Connor and Fred J. Miller  
Conservatory of the Arts

The Suttman Theatre on the Father Edward Haskamp Stage

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**THE PRODUCTION STAFF**

**Director:** Mrs. Megan Wean Sears

**Stage Manager:** Sam Johnson

**Director of Photography:** Mr. Bobby Morgan

**Production Equipment Coordinator:** Mr. Dave Homan

**Costume Designers:** Mrs. Kim Harvey and Mrs. Lori Watamaniuk

**Properties Designer:** Mrs. Jessica Pettit

**Graphic Design:** Marie Lunne

# **THEATRE BOOSTERS**

**President:** Jessica Pettit

**Treasurer:** Megan Wean Sears

**Members:** Joe and Sarah Abouzeid, Angela Bacarella, Mike and Louise Carter, Jim and Lisa Collins, Maggie Paxson Collins, Kimberly Contreras, Bill and Karen Fasoli, John and Judy Gochenaur, Cyndi and Ron Hale, Nicole and Paul Issler, Megan Johnson, Don and Sue Klosterman, John and Sarah Kunesh, Lourdes and Tom Lambert, Kelly Leone, Deb and Bryan LiBrandi, Teri Linden, Eric and Carrie McHenry, Mikki Mihok, Mary Ellen and Anthony Miley, Bonnie Miller, Teresa Carroll Parker, Bill and Coleen Petrello, Jessica Pettit, Kelly and Jeff Plate, Steven and Debora Roth, Kristen and Steve Russ, John and Christine Schramm, Matt Shenk and Lydia Denslow, Anne Marie Singleton, Paola Turner, Cari Wallace, Brian and Jane Wildermuth

## **SPECIAL THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **A HUGE THANK YOU TO DAVE HOMAN**

This production would not be possible without all the behind the scenes work from our cast, crew and their families and friends!

Theatre Boosters

Lourdes Lambert

Tina Lammers

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Alter's Fine Arts Department

## **CAST**

ROBERT ..... Donald Wanamaker  
CATHERINE ..... Chloe Parker  
Hal ..... Nick Abouzeid  
Claire ..... Annabel Wildermuth

## **UNDERSTUDY CAST**

ROBERT..... Shawn Monteiro  
CATHERINE ..... Lauren Shenk  
HAL ..... Eric Pettit  
CLAIRE ..... Sophia Imundo  
FEMALE SWING ..... Gabi Lambert  
MALE SWING ..... Simon Roth

## **CREW**

Genevieve Bacarella, Michael Ferguson, Abby Foppe, Theresa Junker,  
Sam Linden, Brigid McKenna, Mikayla Mihok, Lily Nevers,  
Renee Palmer, Sophia Shenk, Sarah Theewis

# SETTING

The back porch of a house in Chicago.

## ACT ONE

**Scene 1:** Night.

**Scene 2:** The next morning.

**Scene 3:** Night.

**Scene 4:** The next morning.

## ACT TWO

**Scene 1:** A September afternoon.

**Scene 2:** Morning. An instant after the end of Act One.

**Scene 3:** The next day.

**Scene 4:** Winter. About three and a half years earlier.

**Scene 5:** The Present. A week after the events in Scene 3.

## PRODUCTION TEAM BIOS

**Kim Harvey** (Costume Designer) has been with the Alter Castle Players for 3 years. Her favorite shows to costume have been *Thoroughly Modern Millie* with the Castle Players and *Why We Tell The Story* with the Epiphany Players Drama Ministry. She has had a love of costuming since she was a young adult when she made Belle and Jasmine costumes for her and her best friend. She would like to thank Megan for trusting her with her vision and Lori for being such an amazing partner and mentor. She would also like to thank her daughter for inspiring her to make costumes ranging from *Alice In Wonderland* to “A plate of spaghetti” and just about everything in between.

**Sam Johnson** (1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Director) is a senior and is looking forward to his fourth year as Stage Manager for the Castle Players. Sam has enjoyed his time behind the scenes managing all the productions over the years and looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead! He is thankful to the Alter community for working so hard to find a way to continue to the theatre program in the current, uncertain environment. Sam hopes that you enjoy, from a safe distance of course, the production of *Proof*.

**Bobby Morgan** (Director of Photography/Editor) is thrilled to be working on his first production with Alter! James graduated from Wright State University with a B.F.A. in Motion Picture Production and is currently WDTN/Dayton's CW's Social Media Producer. A veteran of high school theater, he has appeared onstage in several productions at Epiphany Lutheran Church, most recently their productions of *Big Fish* and *Why We Tell the Story*, and designed projections for their 2017 production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. James is thankful for the cast and crew of *Proof* for giving him this opportunity, and his family and friends for their support. Although it won't be the same as live theater, he hopes that this special production will provide a sense of normalcy to these unprecedented times.

**Jessica Pettit** (Properties Designer) is proud to support the Alter Castle Players as Props Manager. A lifelong performer (and veteran of many high school theatre productions), Jessica is happy to lend her crafting skills to the cast and watch her son Eric as he takes the stage!

**Megan Wean Sears** (Director) is honored to be here at Alter for her 8<sup>th</sup> year as the drama teacher and theatre director/choreographer. Megan earned her BFA in Musical Theatre from Wright State University and resided in New York City for several years. She traveled all across the country performing in countless productions, including the Broadway National Tour of *A Chorus Line*. Select regional credits include: North Shore Music Theatre, Ogunquit Playhouse, Maine State Music Theatre, Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre, Gateway Playhouse, The Palace, Beef and Boards and

The Barn Theatre. Select choreography credits include: *Play It By Heart* (The Human Race Theatre Company), *9 to 5* (Wright State University) and *Sweeney Todd* (Gateway Playhouse). As director/choreographer and educator, Megan has also worked with Epiphany Players for the last 7 years (including regional premieres of *Big Fish* and *Tarzan*, among others). She is blessed to be a part of such a beautiful ministry. Megan is a proud member of Actors' Equity Association (AEA). A huge thank you to her incredible production team, her unstoppable students and her never ending support system; Scott, Grayson, Jayden and Ivy- Without you this would not be possible. "Always for Mom"

**Lori Watamaniuk** (Costume Designer) has had the pleasure of costuming several shows at Alter High School the last 7 years including *Boeing Boeing*, *Children of Eden*, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Into the Woods*, *Blithe Spirit*, *Aida*, *And Then They Came For Me*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Lost in Yonkers*, *Godspell*, *The Guys*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Songs for a New World*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. In addition, she has costumed many summer musicals at Epiphany Lutheran Church such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Seussical*, *The Sound of Music*, *Godspell*, *Willy Wonka*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Once on this Island*, *Tarzan*, *Big Fish*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Secret Garden*, *Why We Tell the Story*, and numerous Christmas shows. She would like to thank her family for their support over the years and Kim Harvey for all her hard work.

### CAST and CREW BIOS

**Nick Abouzeid** (Hal) is a junior and is thrilled to be a part of his fourth production as an Alter Castle Player. Nick has been in three musicals previously as Bun Foo in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Parker in *Freaky Friday*, and last spring he played Daniel in *Once on This Island*. This is his first part in a play at Alter and is excited for you all to enjoy the show!

**Genevieve Bacarella** (Crew) is a sophomore and is overjoyed to have a theatre season this year. She has been into theatre since her sister, Mackenzie, was in theatre during her high school years. She loves being a part of a community where she can express herself creatively and is so excited for the shows to come.

**Michael Ferguson** (Crew) is a senior and is excited to be a part of this production. Michael has been involved in Castle Players productions since his freshman year, and you may have seen him previously as Jimmy in *The Guys*, Bill and Darren in *26 Pebbles*, or Mr. Blumen in *Freaky Friday*. If you didn't see Michael on stage, he was in the tech booth controlling the lights. He plans to join AFROTC in college and study mechanical engineering. He loves being an Alter Castle Player and he hopes you enjoy the show!

**Sophia Imundo** (U/S Claire) is a senior and is very excited to be in her last play at Alter. You may have seen her as Starr in *26 Pebbles*, understudy Ouiser in *Steel*

*Magnolias*, or ensemble in *Once on This Island* and *Freaky Friday*. Outside of theater, Sophia participates in Miller's Babies improv troupe, contemporary dance at Impressions, and Key Club. She would like to thank everyone involved with Castle Players for a wonderful three years. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Theresa Junker** (Crew) is a senior and is excited to be part of her 10th show with the Castle Players! She has been on crew for five shows and in the cast for four musicals. Some of her favorite shows to be in at Alter have been *Songs for a New World* and *Once on This Island*. Theresa is also involved in Science Olympiad, Academic Team, and Key Club. She is thrilled to be back with her Castle Players family!

**Gabrielle Lambert** (Female Swing) Gabi is a freshman, and these are her first Castle Players productions. She is also a member of the Lancerette dance team at Alter. In addition to her involvement at school, Gabi is on the competition dance team at her dance studio, Center Stage. She knows you will enjoy the production!

**Brigid McKenna** (Crew) is a senior here at Alter High School and this is her first show with the Castle Players. She has been dancing for 13 years and the past 5 years with South Dayton Dance Theatre. She has performed as Clara, Dewdrop, and Reed Flute in their *Nutcracker* and their annual Spring Concert. She is very excited for her first show with the Castle Players!

**Mikayla Mihok** (Crew) is a sophomore and is excited to be a part of the crew for the first time. She has only ever known the stage but wanted more experience behind the scenes. This will be a welcomed change since she has been performing since she was two.

**Shawn Monteiro** (U/S Robert) is a junior and is elated to join his 7<sup>th</sup> production at Alter! You may have seen him in *Freaky Friday* as Adam or in *Once on This Island* as Agwe. Outside of theatre, he enjoys photography and playing the piano. He hopes you love the show!!

**Lily Nevers** (Crew) is so happy to be helping out for *Proof*. She has done many shows before, but this is her first time working behind the scenes. She is so proud of this cast and all that they have accomplished, especially during these hard times. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

**Renee Palmer** (Crew) is a senior and is thrilled to be backstage for her 5th show. Renee has been involved in Castle Players productions since her sophomore year in *Songs for a New World*, as well as *26 Pebbles*, *Freaky Friday*, and *Once on This Island*. She is very excited to get back to the curtains for her final year, and of course, enjoy the show.

**Chloe Parker** (Catherine) is a junior at Alter and she has done the following shows: *Peter Pan*, *The Music Man*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Freaky Friday*, *Once on This Island*, and *The Lion King*. She has also participated in several acapella groups and choirs. She is thrilled to be a part of this show and cannot wait for you to watch!



**Eric Pettit** (U/S Hal) is a sophomore and is proud to join the cast of *Proof*. During his freshman year with Alter Castle Players, he appeared as “Joe” in *26 Pebbles*, as “Wells/Louis” in *Freaky Friday*, and as a “Storyteller” in *Once on This Island*. Previously, Eric has performed on stage with Epiphany Players, Dare to Inspire, and HRTC, among others.

**Simon Roth** (Male Swing) is a freshman here at Alter and has a passionate love for theater. He has not been in any out of school performances, but he has participated with Muse Machine at his school. This is Simon’s first performance at Alter and is very excited for all his performances that are to come.

**Lauren Shenk** (U/S Catherine) is a senior here at Alter and this is her third year in Alter Castle Players. You might have seen her as New Modern in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* or Mrs. Time in *Freaky Friday*. She has also been in *Songs for a New World* and *Once on this Island* as ensemble. She has done crew for *26 Pebbles*. Besides theater Lauren is also a part of NHS, BOLD and is a God Squad Leader. She is so happy to be a part of her last play here at Alter and is so excited to be on stage again with her friends and with her sister for the first time. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

**Sophia Shenk** (Crew) is a freshman at Alter. She is excited to be working crew on her first Castle Players production. Sophia has been in a few other shows including Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *Charlotte’s Web*. She hopes to do many more shows with the Castle Players.

**Sarah Theewis** (Crew) is excited for her second season as an Alter Castle Player. She has previously worked on sound for Castle Players in *26 Pebbles*, *Freaky Friday*, and *Once on This Island* and has worked lights for Alter’s Got Talent.

**Donald Wanamaker** (Robert) This is Donald’s third year with the Alter Castle Players, and he is excited to be performing as Robert. His previous acting experience includes *26 Pebbles* and *The Guys*, in addition to multiple musical performances such as *Once on This Island*, *Freaky Friday*, *The Lion King*, and *The Music Man*.

**Annabel Wildermuth** (Claire) is a senior and is thrilled to be a part of her 10th production at Alter. You may have seen her previously as Erzulie in *Once on this Island*, Savannah in *Freaky Friday*, Yolie and Jeriann in *26 Pebbles*, or Gloria in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She is so excited to share the stage with her friends again and is so very thankful for everything she has learned as a Castle Player as she performs in her final play at Alter.

# **Castle Players Past Productions**

## **2000-2020**

**2000-01** *The Rivals, Into the Woods*

**2001-02** *The Witching Hour, Anything Goes*

**2002-03** *The Teahouse of the August Moon, 42nd Street*

**2003-04** *The Odd Couple, How to Succeed in Business  
Without Really Trying*

**2004-05** *Epic Proportions, Godspell*

**2005-06** *Arsenic & Old Lace, Seussical The Musical*

**2006-07** *Romeo & Juliet, Little Shop of Horrors*

**2007-08** *Inspecting Carol, Thoroughly Modern Millie*

**2008-09** *Miss Nelson is Missing, Grease*

**2009-10** *Once Upon a Pandora's Box, Cinderella*

**2010-11** *Snow Queen, Oklahoma*

**2011-12** *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, Alter Idol, Bye Bye Birdie*

**2012-13** *The Bad Seed, Alter Idol, Beauty and the Beast*

**2013-14** *Boeing Boeing, Alter's Got Talent, Children of Eden*

**2014-15** *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, Alter's Got Talent, Into the Woods*

**2015-16** *Blithe Spirit, Alter's Got Talent, Aida*

**2016-17** *And Then They Came For Me, Alter's Got Talent, The Drowsy Chaperone*

**2017-18** *Lost In Yonkers, Alter's Got Talent, Godspell*

**2018-19** *The Alumni Showcase, The Guys, Steel Magnolias, Songs For A New  
World, Alter's Got Talent, Thoroughly Modern Millie*

**2019-20** *26 Pebbles, Freaky Friday, Alter's Got Talent, Once On This Island*

## Upcoming Castle Player Production

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### BREAKING THE FIFTH WALL: THEATRE IN A NEW AGE

*The fourth wall (n) - Theatrical term for when an actor is aware of and speaks directly to the audience; usually in a monologue or soliloquy or in musical theatre, a song.*

The events of 9/11 closed Broadway for 2 days. By the end of the year, Covid-19 will have closed most in-person theatre nationally for 9 months. The Pandemic of 2020 disrupted the theatre industry like no other event in its history, forcing the arts community to search for new ways to connect performers with audiences and re-define what "live" actually means. In this original piece of theatre, Alter students create and perform original work that explores what happens when we have to break the fifth wall (the screens of our laptops and phones) and remember why it is we love this artform and what it might look like in a post-pandemic world.

Directed by Megan Wean Sears

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