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AM THEATRE: UPPERCLASSMEN

Love/Sick by John Cariani (PG-14)
Alex E. Donley as BILL
Lucy Tibbs as SARAH

Antigone by Sophocles (PG-14)
Jeffrey McClinton Jr. as ISMENE
Bethany Shickley as ANTIGONE

Bolero by David Ives (PG-14)
Nola Cusick as WOMAN
Jupiter Martin as MAN

The Day the Internet Died by Ian McWethy and
Jason Pizzarello (PG)
Molly Bartolo as JENNY
Dakota Chestnut as NINA

RED by John Logan (PG-13)
Adam Bateman as MARK ROTHKO
Rose Wentzel as KEN

Luv by Murray Schisgal (PG-14)
Brayden Abel as HARRY
Brody Verlin as MILT

Parallel Lives by Mo Gaffney (PG-14)
Neila Hamilton as GINA
Nora Sullivan as ANNETTE

Rabbit Hole by David Lindsay-Abair (PG-14)
Dynasty Jackson as BECCA
Blair O'Neil as IZZY

PM THEATRE: UNDERCLASSMEN

Women in the Playground by Christopher Durang
(PG-13)

Ennocent Eiland as ALICE
Shahirah Spaid as ETHEL

Pizza Man by Darlene Craviotto (PG-13)
Isabella Cutuli as JULIE
Camille Walker as ALICE

North of Providence by Edward Allan Baker (PG-13)
Elena Chappell as BOBBIE
Tip Holden as CAROL

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller (PG-13)
Lillianna DeMuro as WILLY
Maddelyn Price as LINDA

Little Miss Fresno by Ara Watson and Mary
Gallagher (PG-13)
Eurya Avilés as DORRIS NETTLES
Jenna Eisenhauer as GINGER KHABACKI

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams (PG-13)
Maya Cunningham as AMANDA
Sam Pfeifer-Winborn as LAURA

PM THEATRE:
UNDERCLASSMEN

The God of Hell by Sam Shepard (PG-13)
Aiden Davis as WELCH
Bella Soto as EMMA

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress by Alan Ball
(PG-13)
Ash Aguayo as MEREDITH
Kairi Lane as FRANCES

Crimes of the Heart by Beth Henley (PG-13)
Lillyanna Allen as LENNY
Shahirah Spaid as MEG

Dinner With Friends by Donald Margulies (PG-13)
Karalyne Cave as BETH
Elena Chappell as KAREN

DMV Tyrant by Christopher Durang (PG-13)
Logan McDonnell as JAMES
Ella McKell as DMV Lady

CAST BIOS: UPPERCLASSMEN

Brayden Abel (HARRY, *Luv*)

Brayden is a 12th grader at CASA. He is a huge fan of music and enjoys writing it. He is very happy to be here and excited to show what he's learned in the past few months. He would like to thank his parents for always supporting him and Ms. Callen for pushing him to be his best. He would also like to shout out his scene partner Brody for always bringing energy to push him and their scene to the best.

Molly Bartolo (JENNY, *The Day the Internet Died*)

Molly Bartolo is a senior at CASA. This is her first and final year here and she's so excited to be here. She was previously seen in *Hello Dolly!*, *Puffs*, *Matilda the Musical*, and several other productions. She is also very active outside of theatre, doing color guard and marching band when not doing shows. She would like to thank the entire theatre class for giving a supportive environment and a safe place to share everyone's talents, and her family for allowing her to come here, even if they may not entirely agree with it, and supporting her throughout life.

Adam Bateman (MARK ROTHKO, *RED*)

Adam Bateman is a Junior at CASA. He has been attending since freshman year, but this is his first year as a theatre student, and he is so excited to be performing with such talented classmates. Adam can be frequently seen on the Gamut Theatre stage, or puppeteering with *Imaginary Friends*. He would like to thank his family, friends, and Ms. Callen for making his first Midyear such an enjoyable experience. He is excited to continue working with this incredible group, and can't wait for what the next two years hold.

CAST BIOS: UPPERCLASSMEN

Dakota Chestnut (NINA, *The Day the Internet Died*)

Dakota is a Senior at CASA. She is very excited to perform in the show. Dakota was last seen in two casa performances, Proof during Midyear and Nostalgia in CASALive. She would like to thank Lauren Callen for always pushing her to get out of her shell and show her personality more! She would also like to thank Molly Bartolo for being a great scene partner during this experience. Lastly, she wants to thank her friends and family for always being there to shine a light on her and her dreams.

Nola Cusick (WOMAN, *Bolero*)

Nola is a senior at CASA and is super excited to share her growth as an actor in her last midyear! She was last seen as Charlie Bucket in the Twin Valley Players' production of *Willy Wonka*. You can see her next in TVP's Roadshow: *Music Through the Ages* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. She would like to thank her friends (shoutout to her *Wonka* pookies) for being her biggest fans, family for letting her pursue theatre, scene partner for being a great person to work with, and Ms. Callen for pushing her to be the best she can be!

Alex E. Donley (BILL, *Love/Sick*)

Alex E. Donley is so excited to be performing in their first and last midyear here at CASA! They've previously performed in many productions at The Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg, their favorites being Theo in *Pippin* and Puck in *Shakespeare in Hollywood*. They will be performing as Annas in this year's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. They'd like to thank their mother, Ms. Callen, and their amazing theatre family for always inspiring them to "put excellence on stage".

CAST BIOS: UPPERCLASSMEN

Neila Hamilton (GINA, *Parallel Lives*)

Neila is so excited to be performing at this year's midyear! She is an 11th grade student who has been in performances at CASA before, such as films, like *Dinner Time*, midyear/end of year performances as Lydia in *Spike Heels* and Flo in *Picnic*. Neila is so grateful to be apart of this years Midyear production and wants to thank her family and friends for attending, Ms. Callen, for her guidance and advice throughout this process.

Dynasty Jackson (BECCA, *Rabbit Hole*)

Dynasty Jackson is a senior at CASA. She was last seen in the school's production of *CASALive!*.Dynasty would like to thank Lauren Callen and Blair O'Neil for helping to develop her scene and character. She hopes you enjoy her as Becca tonight!

Jupiter Martin (MAN, *Bolero*)

Jupiter is an 11th grader at CASA. They were last seen as Greg in *Reasons to be Pretty* by Neil LaBute at CASA. Jupiter would LOVE to thank their family for helping them get to where they are now, along with their best friends, Invertibrats, for being their biggest supporters, as well as their wonderful theatre teacher Ms. Callen for encouraging and teaching them how to grow as an actor and a person. After high school, Jupiter wants to go to Barber School and do nature conservation work.

Jeffrey McClinton (ISMENE, *Antigone*)

Jeffrey is a senior who is excited to play Ismene in Antigone. Jeffrey has been at CASA for less than a year and has been enjoying his time here. He has done many musicals in the past such as *Spongebob*, *Seussical*, *Annie*, and *Shrek*. Jeffrey is thinking about becoming an actor or a script/story writer when he grows up. He would like to thank his family for all the love and support and Ms. Callen for being a kind teacher.

CAST BIOS: UPPERCLASSMEN

Blair (IZZY, *Rabbit Hole*)

Blair is an 11th grader at CASA. They were last seen as the Understudy of 'Eva' in CASA's production of '*Bring It On!*' and will be in CASA's spring musical *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR* in 2025. They would LOVE to thank their friends, best-friends, Invertibrats, Their scene partner (Dynasty Jackson), and Lauren Marie Callen for always being supportive of their choices in career no matter what. In the future, they hope to be a very successful actress on Broadway in the future. They hope you enjoy their performance as Izzy in *Rabbit Hole*!

Bethany Shickley (ANTIGONE, *Antigone*)

Beth is a senior at CASA, and she is super excited and ready to perform her final Mid-Year show. This is her tenth performance at CASA, and she is very happy to see all the growth that she has gone through over the course of four years. She would like to take a special shout out to her mom and dad for all the support and help throughout the good and the bad. She would also like to make a special shout out to her friend Iliana Reid for all the times she has dealt with her breakdowns about theater.

Nora Sullivan (ANNETTE, *Parallel Lives*)

Nora is in her senior year at CASA, and she is very excited to perform her last Midyear with this class. This is her sixth performance at CASA, and she is very thankful for the endless respect and support Ms. Callen has given to Nora throughout her years. She also wants to thank her scene partner Neila Hamilton for being the most fun.

CAST BIOS: UPPERCLASSMEN

Lucy Tibbs (SARAH, *Love/Sick*)

Lucy is thrilled to perform in this year's midyear! She is in 11th grade, and last performed as Kylar in CASA's production of *Bring it On!* and will be performing as Jesus in this year's musical. She was also seen in CASA's 2024 midyear as Florence of *The Odd Couple* and Marcy in the Hershey area Playhouse production of *School of Rock*. Lucy would like to thank her family, Ms. Callen, and her classmates for putting on a wonderful show.

Brody Verlin (HARRY, *Luv*)

Brody is joyous for the momentous occasion of his fourth and final midyear performance. You might've seen Brody onstage before if you are a CASA performance frequent; he performed as the Goat in *CASALive: Dreams* and Man in *A Singular Kinda Guy* via the CASA Cabaret. He has had the pleasure of interning for the wicked talented underclassmen this year, and he congratulates all of them for their hard work this year. He would like to give a shoutout to his very funny and merrymaking scene partner, Brayden, his wonderfully supportive family, his wonderful and encouraging girlfriend, Kiara, and Ms. Callen for being the best mentor and teacher he could ask for.

Rose Wentzel (KEN, *RED*)

Rose is excited to perform in this year's midyear! She is in 12th grade, and last performed as Mariette in CASA's midyear 2024. She will perform as one of the disciples in this year's musical! She would like to thank Miss. Callen, her parents, and her sister for helping support her here at CASA!! She looks forward to graduating in June of this year and attending college

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Ash Aguayo (MEREDITH, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*)

Ash is a 10th grader at CASA. They are so excited to perform this scene. They would like to thank their friends and family, but especially Ms. Callen for being such a wonderful teacher and helping them grow. Ash would also like to thank their amazing scene partner, Kairi, for being so great to work with.

Lillyanna Allen (LENNY, *Crimes of The Heart*)

Lillyanna Allen is a 9th grader at CASA. She has enjoyed all the fun memories she has made within just a few months of being at CASA. The play *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley is what she's performing with her very encouraging and fun scene partner Shahirah. She is very thankful for her friends and family who have supported her pursuing theater at CASA. In addition, she would like to thank Ms. Callen for being an incredible teacher and for telling her she walks like a horse.

Eurya Aviles (DORRIS, *Little Miss Fresno*)

Eurya is a 9th grader at CASA. She's grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to sharing everything she's learnt thus far. She wants to thank her family for their support, her scene partner for their cooperation and enthusiasm, and most of all her teacher: the one, the only Ms. Callen for teaching her wonderfully and wittily. She would also like to thank the theatre for giving her an excuse to not reign in her rabid energy. She's very excited to be here, and wishes all of her peers and instructors good health and success from now until the end of days.

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Karalyne Cave (BETH, *Dinner With Friends*)

Karalyne is a 9th grader at CASA. She is looking forward to playing Beth from *Dinner with Friends*. She has had a blast being in Ms. Callen's Theatre class. She would like to thank everyone in her class, especially her scene partner, Elena. She has been a tremendous help while going through their scene together. Karalyne tends to, you know, goof off.

Elena Chappell (KAREN, *Dinner with Friends*; BOBBY, *North of Providence*)

Elena is in 10th grade at CASA, and has had such a wonderful time working as Bobbie in *North of Providence* and as Karen in *Dinner With Friends*. Callen is her favourite director that she has worked with, and has helped Elena grow so much throughout the previous year and this one. Elena would like to thank her scene partners, Tip and Karalyne, for being amazing people, and wonderful to work with. She would also like to thank her parents as they support her journey through CASA.

Maya Cunningham (AMANDA, *The Glass Menagerie*)

Maya is a 10th grader at CASA and very excited to play Amanda Wingfield from *The Glass Menagerie*. She would like to thank Ms. Callen and her peers from theatre class for creating a fun supportive space to help her grow as an actress. She would also like to thank Sam for being such an incredible scene partner to work with. She would like to give a special shoutout to her parents who drive her to and from school every day and are always supportive. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Isabella Cutuli (JULIE, *Pizza Man*)

Izzy is a 10th grader at CASA, and is looking forward to showing you her performance as Julie in *Pizza Man*. She would like to thank Ms. Callen and her classmates for helping her grow as an actress. She would also like to thank her spectacular scene partner Camille. She is just happy to be here!

Aiden Davis (WELCH, *The God of Hell*)

Aiden is a 10th grader at Capital School for the Arts and is ready for another great year. Aiden has been given the privilege to perform roles such as Jafar, Donkey, and Bill in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Aiden wants to thank his awesome friends Logan, Ella, Shahirah, and his wonderful scene partner Bella. Aiden also wants to thank his family and his superb teacher Ms. Callen and great intern Brody Verlin. Aiden also enjoys working out and playing Xbox when not working on his schoolwork.

Lillianna DeMuro (WILLY, *Death of a Salesman*)

Lillianna is a 10th grader at CASA. She is excited to play as Willy from *Death of a Salesman*. She has learned SO much from Ms. Callen and is thrilled to be spending another year in her class. She thanks her friends and family (hi guys :D) for supporting her. She thanks her wonderful scene partner, Madelynn Price, for being a flexible and kind person throughout the workshopping process. She would also like to thank Ms. Callen for helping her to become a better person. The theatre class has become a second home to Lillianna, a place where she feels comfortable to be herself and express her thoughts and feelings. She knows that if she needs something, Ms. Callen will be there to support her. She hopes you enjoy the show!!

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Ennocent Eiland (ALICE, *Women in The Playground*)

Ennocent is a 9th grader at CASA. She is very thrilled to be a part of a CASA mid-year with Shahirah. She always wanted to be an actress & this school has been her next step to be in movies and shows. Ennocent is happy and loves it at CASA. She is a beautiful and talented young lady. She would like to thank her aunt for supporting her and believing in her dreams of being an actress. She also wants to thank God because without him she wouldn't be here. She also wants to thank Ms. Callen for teaching her stuff that she never knew about acting to become a better actress. Ennocent is so glad that her dreams are coming true. (Keep your head up ... I WILL ...YOU RULEE!!!)

Jenna Eisenhauer (GINGER, *Little Miss Fresno*)

Jenna Eisenhauer is a new 10th grader at CASA this year. Her experience in this new school has been more than wonderful. She's grateful for the opportunity she's been given at this school, and the support her parents give her to attend it, despite just how far the school is from her home. Jenna has been in many musicals and plays her whole life. Her highlight was playing Patrick Star in *SpongeBob the Musical*, produced by ACANY at the Rose Lehrman Theater.

Tip Holden (CAROL, *North of Providence*)

Tip is a 9th grader at CASA. She is very ecstatic to be able to display all the skills she's learnt. She has been seen as Flounder in the junior production of *The Little Mermaid* and she has had many appearances on stage since she was four. She would like to thank Ms. Callen for pushing her to her greatest potential, her scene partner, Elena, for being so supportive, and her friends and family for all their support, especially her mother. If it weren't for all of their support, she wouldn't be where she is today.

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Kairi Lane (FRANCES, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*)

Kairi is a 9th grader at CASA. She is very excited to be a part of the Mid-year and can't wait to perform the role Frances from *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*. She recently played Puck and King Claudius in a production named *Shakespeare After Dark*. She is thrilled to get to work with her scene partner, Ash, and is thankful for their feedback and assistance. She is grateful to her family who has supported her along the way, and loves them so much. She is also thankful to Ms. Callen who has helped her immensely throughout class.

Logan McDonnell (JAMES, *DMV Tyrant*)

Logan is a 9th grader at CASA. He is positively ecstatic to be playing James Agnes in *DMV Tyrant*. He recently portrayed Peter in *A Christmas Carol*. He's been in many Gamut Theatre productions, most notably Danny in *Legacy Code* and King in *Cinderella*. He is so thankful for everyone that has made him the person he is today, specifically his siblings Kerri, Cayden, and Devin. Especially Kerri for supporting his theatrical side, and still being an amazing person to talk to. He would also like to thank Gamut Theatre, his wonderful scene partner Ella McKell, and, most importantly, Ms. Callen

Ella McKell (DMV LADY, *DMV Tyrant*)

Ella is a 10th grader at CASA. She is thrilled to be a part of this Mid-Year. She has been in multiple community theatre productions including Shonelle in *School of Rock*, Ensemble in *Cinderella R&H*, and Lily-Belle in *The Curious Savage*. She would like to thank Ms. Callen for pushing her to her best abilities every day. She also wants to thank her scene partner, Logan McDonnell, for his amazing contribution to this scene. She hopes you get a chuckle at her scene, *DMV Tyrant*.

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Sam Pfeifer-Winborn (LAURA, *The Glass Menagerie*)

Sam is a 9th grader at CASA. She is so excited for her first mid-year at her new school. She wants to thank her mom, sister, and Ms. Callen for teaching her new skills to help her grow as an actor and as a person. She also wants to thank Maya for being an amazing scene partner and hopes to work with her again. Sam is super excited to play Laura Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*!

Maddelyn Price (LINDA *Death of a Salesman*)

Maddy is a 9th grader at CASA. She is super excited for her first Mid-Year performance! Maddy has appeared in many shows including *Matilda Jr.* (Amanda Thripp), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ariel), *Shrek Jr.* (Pinocchio), *Anne of Green Gables* (Prissy Andrews), and many more. She wants to thank her family for supporting her and sharing her passion for theater. Maddy wants to thank Ms. Callen for pushing her and helping her get out of her comfort zone. She also wants to thank her scene partner, Lillianna, for helping her with the scene. She hopes you enjoy!

Bella Soto (EMMA, *The God of Hell*)

Bella is a 9th grader at CASA and is absolutely thrilled to be portraying Emma from *The God of Hell*. She has portrayed multiple other characters such as Jasmine in *Aladdin Jr.*, Toto in *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* and is so excited to add this role to her list of achievements. She wants to thank her scene partner, Aiden Davis, for being an amazing collaborator. She would also like to thank her friends who support her and encourage her. Lastly, she wants to thank Ms. Callen for always being honest and pushing her to her full potential. Enjoy the performance!

CAST BIOS: UNDERCLASSMEN

Shahirah Spaid (MEG, *Crimes of the Heart*; ETHEL, *Women in the Playground*)

Shahirah is a 10th grader in CASA. She is so happy to be performing as Ethel in *Women in the Playground* and Meg in *Crimes of the Heart* in this year's Mid-Year. Shahirah would like to thank her family for encouraging her to pursue theater at CASA. She would also like to thank Ms. Callen for all the hard work and effort she has put in to make this mid-year amazing. She would lastly like to thank both of her scene partners, Ennocent and Lillyanna, for being amazing partners.

Camille Walker (ALICE, *Pizza Man*)

Camille is a 9th grader at CASA. Camille enjoys theatre, singing, and playing Xbox with friends. She would like to thank her mom and grandma for always being there for her. She couldn't have been able to make it to where she is without them. Camille would like to thank Izzy Cutuli for being such an extraordinary and wonderful scene partner. Lastly, she would like to thank Ms. Callen for being a terrific theatre teacher. Camille is so delighted to be performing as Alice from *Pizza Man* at this year's mid year performance.

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