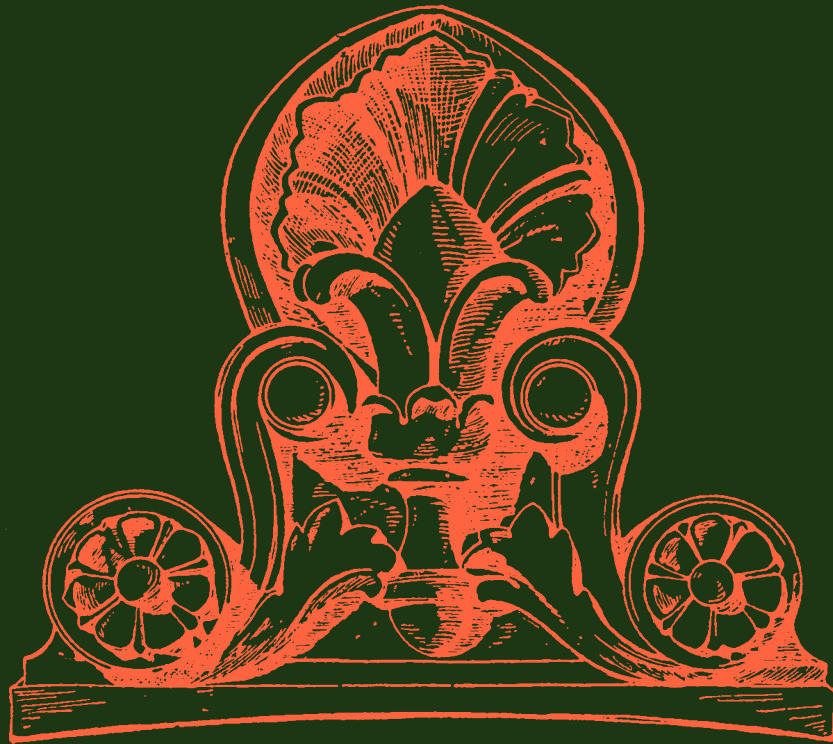


**CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
CHARTER SCHOOL**

PM
MIDYEAR
Love and Scandal



FEBURARY 2ND, 2024 | STARTING AT 6:00

WHITAKER CENTER

Welcome to the 9-10th grade Theatre Mid-Year production. Students have spent the past month workshopping scenes from published plays, exploring the themes of love and scandal. Through character development, text analysis, and research in theatre history and literature, they have selected material to showcase their artistic growth. Tonight, students will breathe life into their characters, honoring the world of the play.

On behalf of CASA's Theatre Department, we extend our gratitude to The Whitaker Center and its staff for their hard work, and most importantly, to CASA's community.

Artistic Team

Director: Lauren Callen

Assistant Director: Willow Polosky

Stage Manager: Silvi Kaplan

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Trigger Warnings: Fake Blood, Fake Vomit Sounds, Implied Drinking, Minor Reference to Domestic Abuse, Loud Noises.

SELECTED SCENES

Bold Girls by Rona Munro
Elena Chappell as Cassie
Ella McKell as Marie

Raised in Captivity by Nicky Silver
Hailey Friend as Hillary
Aiden Davis as Sebastian

Gruesome Playground Injuries by Rajiv Joseph
Jupiter Martin as Doug
Isabella Cutuli as Kayleen

Lost Girls by Kimberly Belflower
Hailey Friend as Boy
Lillianna as Girl

Stop, Kiss by Diana Son
C'nai Zecharya as Callie
Ash Aguayo as Sara

Spike Heels by Theresa Rebeck
Shahirah Spaid as Georgie
Neila Hamilton as Lydia

The Odd Couple: Female Version by Neil Simon
Kairi O'Neil as Olive
Lucy Tibbs as Florence

ACTOR BIOS

Ash Aguayo: Ash is a 9th grader at CASA. They are so excited to perform this scene from Stop, Kiss. They would like to thank all of their friends, family, and everyone who got them to where they are (and for putting up with them) and being so supportive of their dreams. Ash would also like to thank their lovely scene partner, C'nai, for being so amazing to work with.

Elena Chappell: Elena is in 9th grade at CASA, and is having a great time working as Cassie from Bold Girls. Recently, she was seen as Ms. Norbury in Open Stage's Mean Girls. Ms. Callen is amazing <3.

Isabella Cutuli: Izzy is a 9th grader at CASA, and is looking forward to showing you her performance as Kayleen in Gruesome Playground Injuries. She would like to thank Ms. Callen and her classmates, for helping her grow as an actress. She is just happy to be here!

Aiden Davis: Aiden is a 9th grader at Capital School for the Arts and is ecstatic to play Sebastian the year for the mid-year performances. He has learned so much this year and is looking forward to showing off his new talents during the performance. Aiden has been in many things including, Donkey in Shrek, Bill in Cheaper by the Dozen, and Jafar in Aladdin. Aiden enjoys running, music, and hanging with friends, he would like to thank his dad for helping him and participating in many shows with him.

Lillianna DeMuro: Lillianna is a 9th grader at CASA. She is excited to play as Erica from *Lost Girls*. She has learned a lot this year and is thrilled to be showing and applying what she has learned in theatre class so far this year. She thanks her family (shoutout to mom) for supporting her and helping her with her CASA journey. She would also like to thank Ms. Callen for teaching her so much and helping her become a better actress. She would ALSO like to thank her classmates for making a supportive and safe space in the theatre class.

Hailey Friend: Hailey is a 9th grader at CASA. She is so happy to perform as both Hillary from *Raised in Captivity* and Boy from *Lost Girls*. She has learned so much from theatre this year and is excited to show how she has learned and benefited from it. She would like to thank her family and friends, but especially her mom and sister for always being her biggest fans and supporting her 100% of the way. She would also like to thank her scene partners Aiden Davis and Lillianna DeMuro for putting up with her craziness and constant confusion. She is so excited to perform her scenes and hopes you enjoy!

Neila Hamilton: Neila is a 10th grader at CASA. She is excited to perform as Lydia in the play *Spike Heels*. She has performed in many theatre productions but some of her favorites include Pepper in *Annie*, Ms. George and Karen in *Mean Girls*, and Raylynn u/s in *Blood at the Root*. Neila continues to learn new skills from her theatre class daily. And stay motivated through her teachers and directors. And her unconditional love for theater.

Jupiter Martin (they/them): Jupiter is a 10th grader at CASA. They were last seen as Mark in *The Philadelphia* by David Ives at CASA. Jupiter would LOVE to thank their Mom, Dad, and siblings for helping them get to where they are now, along with their friends Rory, Collin and Kai for being their #1 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 specialize in hair color.

Ella McKell (she/her): Ella is a 9th grader at CASA. She is thrilled to be a part of this Mid-Year. She was recently seen as Shonelle in *School of Rock* at Hershey Area Playhouse. She has been in multiple community theatre productions but her favorite ones were Damian in *Mean Girls Jr.*, Ensemble in *Cinderella Rodgers and Hammerstein*, and Lily-Belle in *The Curious Savage*. She would like to thank Ms. Callen for making her classroom a safe space and always being inclusive as well as an amazing theatre teacher. She also wants to thank her scene partner, Elena, for her amazing contribution to this scene. She also wants to give her love to her family, friends, and amazing opportunities here at CASA. She hopes you enjoy her performance as Marie in *Bold Girls*.

Kairi O'Neil (they/them): Kairi is a 10th grader at CASA. They were last seen as 'Horace' in *Time Flies* by David Ives and will be performing as understudy Eva in CASA's Spring 2024 production of "Bring it On!". They would LOVE to thank their friends and family for always being supportive of their choices in career no matter what. In the future, they hope to be a very successful actor on Broadway. They hope you enjoy their performance as Olive in *The Odd Couple*.

Shahirah Spaid: Shahirah is a 9th grader in CASA. She is so happy to be performing as Georgie in *Spike Heels* in this year's Mid-Year. Shahirah was last seen in *"Mean Girls"* at Open Stage. Shahirah would like to thank her family for encouraging her to pursue theater at CASA. She would also like to give thanks to all of her friends who support her on her ongoing journey. She would lastly like to thank Neila Hamilton for being an amazing scene partner and making this experience enjoyable.

Lucy Tibbs (she/they): Lucy is thrilled to perform as Florence of *"The Odd Couple"*! She is currently a 10th-grade theatre student. Lucy last performed in *"School of Rock"* at the Hershey Area Playhouse as Marcy. She was also recently seen as Betty in CASA Theatre's End of Year, *"All in the Timing"*, and will be performing as Kylar in CASA's Spring 2024 production of *"Bring it On!"*. Lucy would like to thank her family, her scene partner Kairi, and Ms. Callen for being an amazing teacher.

C'nai Zecharya (she/her): C'nai is a 9th grader at CASA. She is very excited to be able to perform as Callie Pax from *"Stop, Kiss"*. She was recently seen as the titular role in *"Moana"* at the Silver Academy, and as Eva's sister in *"Evita"* at Stagedoor Manor. C'nai hopes to pursue performing arts after high school. She would like to thank her incredible theatre teacher, Ms. Callen, for helping her grow so much during her time so far at CASA. She would also like to thank her scene partner, Ash Aguayo, for being so wonderful to work with.

