

Penn Manor Productions home of **International Thespian Society** Troupe #274

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### **Director's Notes**

"What a long, strange trip it's been"! And little did we know how strange and how long our 2020 Fall Play experience would be. This play had been on our radar for a while and kept in the back of our minds when we would need a minimal set. We didn't need set builders, but we did need to learn new skills about film-making!

We had to submit a detailed plan for what we wanted to perform from the three scripts written by Brad Slaight, and then wait...to get permission to do a virtual adaptation of these plays.

The students had a huge part in choosing the scenes that would, ultimately, perform. Mrs. Mintzer's Theatre Arts class weighed in on which scenes were most appropriate. They were also allowed to claim roles, knowing that the directors would have final say.

All rehearsing was accomplished on Google Meet. The directors encouraged students to take most of the responsibility for their interpretation and blocking of their scenes – as well as the final filming.

We were determined that "the show must go on" but it was easier said than done! Audiences can view the production anytime from January 8-10 for free, and are proud that it will be one of the virtual mainstage shows for the PA Thespians State Conference as well.

Thank you for your support of our theatre program, and our booster group – since they won't get to sell their goodies at intermission. Enjoy the show!

## **Now. Here. This**

#### PMHS Virtual Spring Musical — April 9-10-11

A contemporary musical tackling life's big questions with inimitable humor and humanity. The show follows the evolution and adventures of a group of friends as they journey through time--from the present to the past and back again. They share their stories about friendship, hoarding, hiding, laughing, living, dying and middle school in an attempt to step directly into that elusive "present moment": the Now, Here, This,

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<u>Synopsis of Scenes</u>				
	Prologue	Steve – Maximillian Ponton Melanie – Emily Witmer		
	Scene 1	Beth – Emily Witmer Lisa – Grace Fafel		
	Scene 2	Karen – Vita Failla Leon – Alex Eshelman		
	Scene 3	Andrea – Carley Weber Nina – Kaitlyn Roth Male Voice – Nathan Thompson		
	Scene 4	Jack – Alden Kreider Joni – Grace Fafel		
	Scene 5	Dennis – Clay Craig		
	Scene 6	Jonathan – Alex Ebersole Karla – Amber Floyd Boy – Rowan Brooks Girl – Elena DiSciullo		
	Scene 7	Content: Bullying  www.abovetheinfluence.com  Arnold – Nathan Thompson  Bill – Chris Knotwell		
	Scene 8	Content: Death  www.sadd.org  Carmen – Holly Wagner  Joanne – Emily Witmer		
	Scene 9	Danny – Dylan Marchio		
	Scene 10	Annie – Robyn Gaffney Denise – Chloe Harmon Offstage Voice – Amber Floyd		

Christian - Rowan Brooks

Scene 11

Scene 12	Noel – Rowan Brooks Grant – Colin Rost Alison – Alaynis Velazquez	Scene 26	Carmen – Brooke Frey Carolyn – Gwen Kreider Antoinette – Grace Fafel
Scene 13	Jillian – Lydia Meier Adam – Colin Rost	Interlogue	Steve – Maximillian Ponton Melanie – Emily Witmer
Scene 14	Eddy – Kieran McFall	Scene 28	Danielle – Emily Witmer Anna – Carley Weber
Scene 15	Content: Bullying  www.aevidum.org  Peter – Rowan Brooks  Andrew- Christopher Andreychek	Scene 29	Scott – Clay Craig Reese – Kieran McFall Student – Brady Oatman
Scene 16	Leon – Nathan Thompson	Scene 30	Content: Cyberbullying
Scene 17	Mark – Alden Kreider		www.stompoutbullying.org Charlene – Amber Floyd Shelly – Elena DiSciullo
Scene 18	Maggie – Holly Wagner Herm – Dylan Marchio	Scene 31	Tyler – Colin Rost
Scene 19	Mirelle – Molly Bushong		Megan – Holly Wagner Amber – Elena DiSciullo
Scene 20	Jack – Alden Kreider Joni – Grace Fafel		Justin – Dylan Marchio
Scene 21	Content: Adoption www.childwelfare.gov Nate – Maximillian Ponton Felicia – Katie Albright	Scene 32 Scene 33	Mike – Clay Craig Isaac – Jeremy Andro Bianca – Kaitlyn Roth Sharon – Lydia Meier Content: Divorce
Scene 22	Pete – Alden Kreider Paul – Clay Craig	Seeme 33	www.familieschange.ca.gov Emily – Molly Bushong Marcus – Alex Eshelman
Scene 23	Content: LGBTQ+ www.thetrevorproject.org	Scene 34	Kimberly – Joy Perkins
	Brenda – Hannah Fogell Gail – Chloe Harmon	Scene 35	Jeff – Dylan Marchio Ally – Holly Wagner
Scene 24	Spike – Colin Rost		Kitty – Emily Witmer
Scene 25	Content: Suicide  www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org  Leaza – Alaynis Velazquez	Scene 36	Vincent – Alex Ebersole

Scene 37 Little Miss Truth - Kaitlyn Roth

Gayle – Amber Floyd Erica – Alaynis Velazquez

Scene 38 Laura – Vita Failla

Epilogue Steve – Maximillian Ponton

Melanie – Emily Witmer

# **Production Staff**

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