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PRESENTS

THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940

by
John Bishop

with

**Sarah Beckers
Bryce Coverdale
Kelly Giorgi**

**Dustin Grundmeyer
Dana Huber
Autumn Johnson
Derron Medrano**

**Sam Smith
Evelyn Whipps
Jordana Young**

Assistant Director
Linda Zirk

Stage Manager
Jennifer Coffman

Costume Design
Margret Chapman

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Directed by
Jeff Schroeder

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CAST

Cast Members

Helsa Wenzel	Sarah Beckers
Dark Figure	Jennifer Coffman
Elsa Von Grossenknueten	Jordana Young
Sergeant Kelly	Kelly Giorgi
Patrick O'Reilly	Bryce Coverdale
Ken De La Maize	Sam Smith
Nikki Crandall	Evelyn Whipps
Eddie McCuen	Derron Medrano
Marjorie Baverstock	Autumn Johnson
Roger Hopewell	Dustin Grundmeyer
Bernice Roth	Dana Huber

Production / Creative

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WHO'S WHO



Sarah Beckers

as Helsa Wenzel

Sarah Becker's loves the role of Helsa. You may have seen her as Sophie in Mamma Mia or as a party entertainer as Repunzel and Anna. She enjoys tap dancing and hanging out with her friends. She has been in more than 30 musicals and Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 is actually Sarah's very first full play! She would like to thank the Schreoder family, her friends and family, and the cast and crew of this show. Geniessen Sie die Vorstellung!



Jordana Young

as Elsa Von Grossenknueten

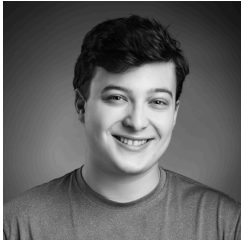
Jordana Young-Norris is thrilled to play Elsa Von Grossenknueten in Musical Comedy Murders of 1940. Her previous roles have been Lydia in Children of a Lesser and Ann Putnam in The Crucible. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her throughout every production at Barlow.



Kelly Giorgi

as Sergeant Kelly

Kelly Giorgi is very enthusiastic to be playing Michelle Kelly. Previously, she played Sarah Norman in Children of a Lesser God, a Puritan Girl in the Crucible and a Young Adult in Mamma Mia. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support and her fellow cast members for all of the memories they've made together.

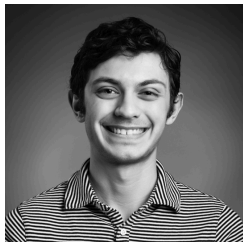


Bryce Coverdale

as Patrick O'Reilly

This being Bryce's 6th show at Barlow, he is very excited to be a part of the wonderful cast of The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s. He loves the show and is very interested in the complexity of Patrick O'Reilly. Bryce is extremely happy to have another opportunity for performing in Barlow, with great direction from Mr. Schreoder.

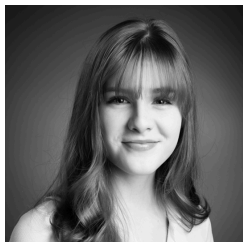
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Sam Smith

as Ken De La Maize

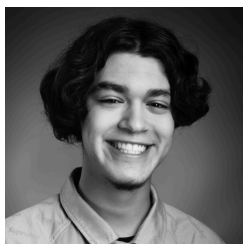
Sam Smith is not in high school anymore but is still thrilled to be apart of this production. Sam is living his adult life working a full time job and attending Mount Hood community college, yet he still finds himself driving up to Barlow everyday getting ready for a production. He has previously starred in "Lost in Yonkers", "Grease", "Lend me a Tenor", the original run of Barlow's MCM in 2015 and many more. Sam would like to thank his parents, his sister Emma, Phil Syphilis, Coca Cola, and Brad Pitt.



Evelyn Whipps

as Nikki Crandall

Evelyn Whipps is so excited to be playing Nikki Crandall for her first speaking role at Barlow. She is a senior this year, and Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s will be her 4th play at Barlow. Some of her favorite previous roles have been Cecily in the Importance of Being Earnest, Hope in Urinetown, stage-managing Steel Magnolias, and a Young Adult in Mamma Mia. Her favorite part about Nikki is that people underestimate her, which let's her surprise people. Evelyn would like to thank the cast for making her laugh during rehearsals and her family for supporting her during show season.



Derron Medrano

as Eddie McCuen

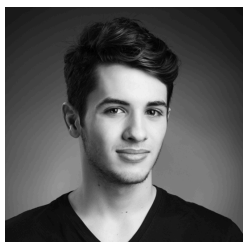
Derron Medrano is proud to be a part of his 3rd and final play at Sam Barlow as Eddie in MCM. You may have previously seen him as Wadsworth in *Clue*; Ezekiel Cheever in *Arthur Miller's The Crucible* and Josh in *Bang Bang You're Dead*. Derron would like to thank his theatre teacher Mr. Schroeder for mentoring him on his journey through his high school acting career, Phil Syphilis, and most importantly would like to congratulate his peers for their amazing growth and talent.

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Autumn Johnson *as Marjorie Baverstock*

Autumn Johnson believes there aren't enough words in the English language to describe how ecstatic she is for her senior play, portraying Marjorie Baverstock. Previously, you might have seen her in *The Crucible* (Puritan Girl), *Amber* (Emotional Baggage), *Stage Crew* in *Mamma Mia!*, *Guys and Dolls* (Mission Doll) and *Grease* (Nerd). Within the last four years, she has been beyond grateful to be in such amazing shows at Barlow, each seemingly better every year. Last year, she was a part of an acting group that took a scene to State and received a medal for the superior score given. Theatre has given her a second home and family. Autumn would like to thank the entire cast, Jen, The Schroeder's, her family of course, Madeline, Marty, and Phil Syphilis.



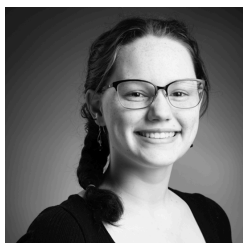
Dustin Grundmeyer *as Roger Hopewell*

Dustin Grundmeyer is excited to play Roger Hopewell in *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. His previous roles have been Orin in *Children of a Lessor God*, Eddie in *Mamma Mia* and Thomas Putnam in *The Crucible*. He would like to thank his family for being supportive, Phil Syphilis, and his friends for making this show as fun as it could be.



Dana Huber *as Bernice Roth*

Dana is a senior at Sam Barlow High School and she is exhilarated to be playing the role of Bernice in the *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. This is Dana's 3rd production at Barlow, her last being an ensemble member and Sam's Ex-Wife in *Mamma Mia!* Dana would like to thank her mother and father for always supporting her love for performing and her friends telling her she is funny. Thank you for coming to the show:)



Jennifer Coffman *Stage Manager*

Jennifer Coffman is a senior who transferred to Sam Barlow from Virginia. While unlikely, you may have seen her in *The Wiz* (Munchkin and Winkie), *Our Town* (u/s Emily Webb), *The Addams Family* (Ancestor), and *The Seussical* (Who). She is very thankful to have the opportunity to be stage manager for MCM. She would like to thank her main supporters: Mom, Dad, Phil Syphilis, and Megan^2



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