

The Babson Players Present:

The Musical **Comedy** Murders of 1940

Sorenson Theatre Babson College

October 16^{Fri} & 17^{Sat} at 7pm,
October 18^{Sun} at 2pm

Dedication

The Babson Players would like to dedicate this show to the wonderful staff of Babson's Academic Services. This group of people supports our members in everything we do. Their graciousness and love transcends typical academic advising to being our moral support as we tackle a production each semester. Part of our drive to put on a show comes from knowing there are members of the Babson community who support us every step of the way. So, thank you for your long hours, long talks, and long arms. We wouldn't be here without you!

With sincerest thanks,

The Babson Players Executive Board

Vanessa Theoharis

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Jacob Brady

Kerry Liszka

Morgan Smith

The Babson Players

Production of

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

Book by

John Bishop

Directed by

Danny Bolton

Stage Direction by

Julie Williams

Technical Direction by

Ben Small

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Historical References

By Phil Harmonic

- “settle whatever they’re striking about” - there were a number of strikes by musicians and composers when radio began to move away from live music to recordings
- Harry Hopkins, James Farley, Cordell Hull, Harold Ickes - members of FDR’s inner circle (called the “kitchen cabinet”)
- Princeton University - actually a reference to Harvard University’s “Hasty Pudding Shows,” where men play all the women’s parts in drag
- Fala - Franklin D. Roosevelt’s dog
- The 64 Dollar Question - a radio quiz show which eventually morphed into a TV show called the “The \$64,000 Question”
- “marks equivalent to five American dollars” - During the 1930s Germany experienced a horrific period of hyperinflation resulting in pictures in all the newsreels of people carrying wheelbarrows of German marks just to buy a loaf of bread. Thus, five dollars of German marks could theoretically crush someone under its weight.
- “all-ee-all-ee in free” - the phrase used by children playing Hide and Seek
- Red Network of NBC - in the heyday of radio, NBC had two networks, the red and blue
- Katzenjammer Kid—comic strip about a sea captain and some children who annoy him; changed to The Captain and the Kids when Germany was not funny in the late 30s
- “personal bodyguard to the Archduke Ferdinand” - her father must not have been all that great a bodyguard since the Archduke was assassinated, setting off World War I
- Philo Vance - famous radio detective
- “friends in Hollywood... unknown actors today” - obvious reference to Ronald Reagan; possible also to George Murphy, song and dance man who became a senator
- Winchell - Walter Winchell: powerful radio news and gossip reporter
- “I intend to write Eleanor about you” - Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of FDR

Cast of Characters

Helsa Wenzel	Christine Laubach
Elsa Von Grossenkneuten	Vanessa Theoharis
Michael Kelly	Brett Sobol
Patrick O’Reilly	Shawn Salerman
Ken De La Maize	Morgan Smith
Nikki Crandall	Jacqueline Chambers
Eddie McCuen	Jacob Brady
Marjorie Baverstock	Megan Elsenbeck
Bernice Roth	Amanda Greenslet
Roger Hopewell	Richard Mandel

Production Staff

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Technical Director	Ben Small
Music Supervisor	Eric Hamel
Production	
President	Vanessa Theoharis
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	Kerry Liszka
	Haya Alzaid
	Lauren Desoiza
	Amanda Greenslet
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	Jill Montane
	Sarah Winnett

Production Staff

Lights and Light Design

Sound

Props Masters

Costumes

Make-Up

Additional Tech Crew

House Management

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Haya Alzaid
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Annie Marschiello
Shushant Bartra
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Yana Matlis
Jill Montane
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Sam Murad
Maria Mutter
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Biographies

Jacob Brady (Eddie McCuen): Jake is currently a sophomore at Babson participating in his third Players production. He leaves you all with a fun fact: an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.



Jacqueline Chambers (Nikki Crandall): Jacqueline is thrilled to be Nikki in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Most recently, Jacqueline worked at the Ogunquit Playhouse over the summer as a Development/ Marketing Intern, and hopes to pursue a career after graduation in theatre management, or on the stage. Before the summer, she spent the spring semester in Greece, where she got the opportunity to choreograph and stage manage for a local Greek community theatre! Favorite past roles include Brooke Ashton (*Noises Off!*),

Betsy (*Crazy for You*), Annie Oakley (*Annie Get Your Gun*), and as a resident actress/choreographer last summer at the Palace Theatre for their Professional Children's Series. She is also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Babson Dance Ensemble, a Peer Advisor in the Academic Offices, and a Student Intern at the Office of International Programs. Thanks to everyone (especially the girls in 419, Danny, and Muffin and Dad) for all their support throughout this wonderful process.



Megan Elsenbeck (Marjorie Baverstock): is gonna bring pollution down to zero.



Amanda Greenslet (Bernice Roth): is so excited for her first show of her sophomore year. After a fun-filled freshman year, she just can't wait to see what this super sassy sopho-



more sequel of a year will bring! Past roles at Babson include, Essie (*You Can't Take It With You*), Ensemble Member (*The Vagina Monologues*), Julia (*Lend Me A Tenor*), Ruthie Taylor (*Bat Boy*), and Hippolyta/Titania (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*). Amanda would like to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support, and last

but not least, she must thank Mistrs Foley and Peterson for introducing her to this amazing show and the joys of theater. As they always say, "have fun and tell the story."



Phil Harmonic (Roger Hope-well): Mr. Harmonic thinks he is in the cast due to his realistic (though type cast) portrayal of a misanthropic, untalented composer. It turns out, however, that he was asked to join the cast because he is the only actor known to the Players who is old enough to recognize the historical references in the play.

Christine Laubauch (Helsa Wenzel): Christy is a freshman from California that is over-the-moon excited to be in her first Babson Players show. Things we know about Christy include, she loved seeing Broadway's *Rock of Ages* with the Players as evidenced by the picture to the right.



Kerry Liszka (Secretary) Kerry is honored to be writing her first, and probably last, bio in a Babson Players program. For that reason she plans to make this very meaningful and heart... Wait, I'm getting a text.



Shawn Salerman (Patrick O'Reilly): Raised in the outback of Australia, Shawn as a young bloke learnt the skill of acting. It was a necessity while living in the bush, as the kangaroo's that brought him food would only respond to charades. 20 years passed and Shawn, while on a walk-about, discovered the great city of Melbourne. This is where he spent four months of his life getting an education and learning how to spell and read. Because

Shawn excelled so much in spelling and charades, he decided to bring his skills to Babson. That is how the story began and now the story continues...

Morgan Smith (Ken De La Maize): Morgan Smith is very excited to be in his first fall play. The role of Ken De La Maize seems so fitting to his well-known characteristics: Charming, Attractive, Talented, Athletic, and most importantly, HUMBLE. He always enjoys being in productions with the glorious and magnanimous Babson Players. He couldn't have done it without his wonderful cast, crew, director, and most importantly his Parents. He'd also like to thank his good friends for the help he received: Johnny Depp, Michael Cain, Christian Bale, Debra Messing, Paul Newman, James Dean, Al Pacino, Dustin Hoffman, Sir Ben Kingsley, and Meryl Streep.





Brett Sobol (Michael Kelly): Brett is a sophomore but only recently joined the Players this Fall. He has very little experience in acting, but with the encouragement of the Players and his fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, he decided to give it a shot and has not looked back.

Vanessa Theoharis (Elsa Von Grossenkneuten): Vanessa is thrilled to be working with such a fabulous cast and crew for MCM, her 8th Players show! She is currently a senior and so proud to be the President of the Players this year. Past roles include Helena (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), Meredith (*Bat Boy*), Mrs. Sycamore (*You Can't Take It With You*), Dotty (*Noises Off*), Cookie (*Rumors*), and Jack's Mother (FWOP's *Into the Woods*). Yeah, yeah, she gets it, Babson – she yet again re-prises her ultimate type cast of the crazy kooky lady... but whatever, deal, you know you love it. Thank you to good 'ol Danny for being fantastic. Enjoy this wild show, friends!



Julie Williams (Stage Manager): Julie told Darius that if he wrote her bio she would buy him a smoothie. Darius isn't getting a smoothie.

Dr. Rick Davies (Composer): Originally from Albuquerque, NM, Rick Davies moved to New York City in the late 1970s and worked there as a trombonist and composer/arranger for more than twenty years before joining the faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh in 2000. The Babson Players are thankful to have Rick compose the original music for this show.





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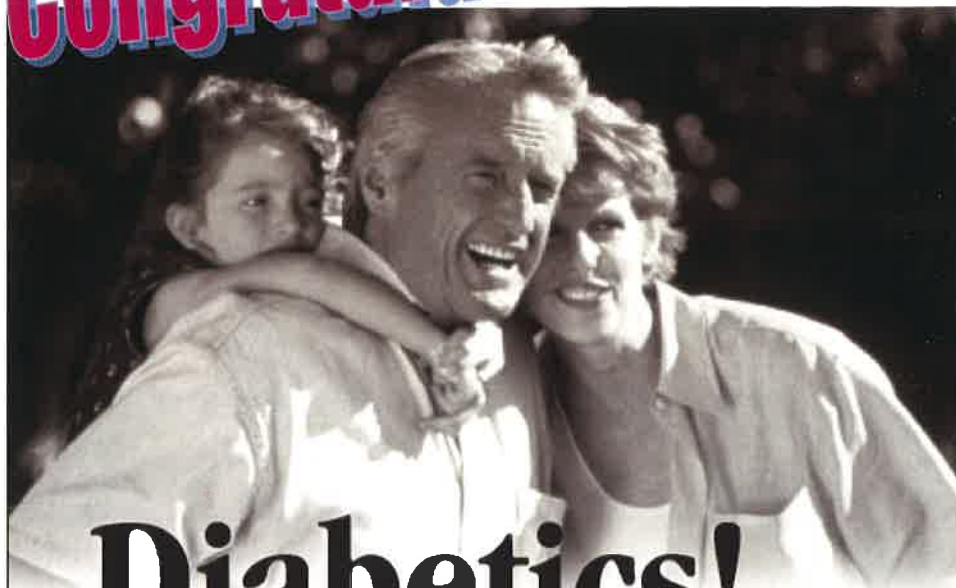
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