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director's note

Hello, Dolly! is, as a friend of mine put it, “a beast of a show for your first production”. He certainly wasn’t wrong! I was late coming on to direct, and had only a few weeks of preparation before auditions. With so little time to prepare for a show that is so beloved and timeless in the eyes of so many, I have spent much of the last few months feeling as if I was just spinning in circles with no idea which way was up. Luckily I have been blessed with a really fantastic group of kids, or else this would have been a much more difficult process. Casting 30 teenagers is always a risk, but it paid off in the best way this year. I am so, so proud of them.

I decided early on that I wanted to focus on the silliness and absurdity of the show, and have worked hard with the cast to discover the moments of hilarity within the sincerity. I have had so much fun watching them discover and develop their characters, especially the kids who play multiple roles! Every single one of them have crafted parts fully unique to themselves, and it makes for a very fun and enjoyable performance.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that I would not be here without one incredible woman. Doré Furstenburg was my high school theatre director, and gave me a six word solo in my very first musical. She directed my glee club and I was her assistant director as she started the elementary school musical program. It was because of her faith in me that I was able to grow my love for performing and end up where I am today. Doré lost her battle with cancer this past November. Our first night of auditions for *Hello, Dolly!* was the same night as her memorial service in my hometown. So many times throughout this process I wished I could text her and ask for her advice. Words are not adequate to describe how much I wish I could have her in the audience here, but I know that God called her home for a reason. As I told the kids at the beginning of this process, every student of her’s is a part of her legacy, and as students of mine, they are an extension of that. I am certain that she would be proud of them too.

Thank you for supporting WC Fine Arts, please enjoy the show.

Justina Ouellette

thanks a million!

To Bob Rose, Jim Kozloski, Kreigh Tomaszewski, Jack Klein, and Dave Truskowski, for creating such a beautiful set in such a short period of time. To Debra Bizon, Heather DiCosola, Jodi Camp, Krista Gipson, John & Lisa Frey, Julie Paganelli, Angela Mitchell, and Jill Hemmes, for all your help. To Mary Camp and Emily Bizon, for their incredible help with choreography. To Marie Kieras and Emma Wittkoski, for often going beyond the call of duty. To Jason Truskowski, for his willingness to step in and learn a role on short notice. To Steve Kozminski (trumpet) and Ray Kalinowski (trombone) for helping to make our pit really pop.



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Hello, Dolly!

book by Michael Stewart
Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman

Based on the play "The Matchmaker" by
Thornton Wilder

*Original production directed and choreographed by
Gower Champion*

*Produced for the Broadway Stage by David Merrick
and Champion Five, Inc.*

Director and Scenic Designer
Justina Ouellette

Vocal Directors
Kelsey and Conor Amick

Choreographer
Krista Pennington

Stage Manager
Marie Kieras

Assistant Stage Manager
Emma Wittkoski

Lighting Designer
Catherine Marlett Dreher

Sound Designer/Operator
Aaron Bouwman

Orchestra Director
Darren LaPrise

Rehearsal Accompanist
Glenn Goodfellow

Performance Pianist
Chris Jensen

Sound Assistant
Joseph Paganelli
Owen Appel

Light Board Operator
Nina Smith

Wardrobe Master
Emma Murphy

Props Master
Ben Novistsky

Stage Crew
Emilie Rabbers
Hope Thome
Madison Kammer
Megan Meyers
Megan Parzych
Paige Jewell

cast

Nora Aldworth	Police/Ensemble
Courtney Betten	Harry/Ensemble
Emily Bizon	Fritz/Ensemble
Mary Camp	Rudolph Reisenweber/Ensemble/Dance Captain
Sophie DiCosola	Louie/Ensemble
Bridget Donovan	Cook/Polka Contestant/Ensemble
Jacob Droski	Paperhanger/Polka Contestant/Ensemble
Sylvia Dusseau	Court Clerk/Ensemble
Rita Egeler	Judge/Ensemble
Claire Fertuson	Police/Ensemble
Becky Flickinger	Danny/Ensemble
Lillian Frey	Police/Ensemble
Cecilia Gipson	Cook/Ensemble
Michael Goffer	Polka Contestant/Ensemble
Jenna Hemmes	Minnie Fay
Josual Hernandez	Ambrose Kemper
Belle Ho	Hank/Ensemble
Jonathan Jensen	Cornelius Hackl
Lauren Klein	Mrs. Rose/Ensemble
Maggie McKeiver	Polka Contestant/Ensemble
Madeline Mitchell	Ernestina Money/Ensemble
Jacob North	Polka Contestant/Ensemble
Elizabeth Ostoin	Irene Malloy
Danielle Paganelli	Ermengarde
Rachel Roersma	Stanley/Ensemble
Andrew Schuler	Barnaby Tucker
Hannah St. Andre	Dolly Gallagher Levi
Renee St. Andre	Polka Contestant/Ensemble
Jason Truskowski	Horace Vandergelder
Courteney VanSlokema	Manny/Ensemble

*Hello, Dolly is performed with one
ten minute intermission.*

orchestra

Baritone	Bella Mersino
Clarinet	Caitlin Mitchell
Trumpet	Ckaya Levanduski
Baritone	Colin Walch
Clarinet	Emma Frazine
Trumpet	Enzo Angelwood
Violin	Grace Verdun
Tenor Saxophone	Grant Kissell
Trumpet	Jacob Tuck
Drums	Jake Domeier
Tuba	Jessica Martinez
Flute	Katherine Egeler
Trombone	Loretta VanWeezel
Clarinet	Lydia Gasper
Percussion	Mary Clare Olive
Bass Clarinet	Noelle Hall
Flute	Rachel Huizinga

Guest Artists

Chris Jensen (Piano)
Steve Koziminski (Trumpet)
Ray Kolinowski (Trombone)



scenes

ACT ONE

Scene 1: Street Scene in New York City in the 1890's

Scene 2: Horace Vandergelder's Feed Store in Yonkers, NY and the Yonkers Railroad Depot

Scene 3: New York Street and the Exterior of Mrs. Malloy's Hat Shop.

ACT TWO

Scene 1: Outside the Hoffman House Hotel and the Harmonia Garden's Exterior

Scene 2: Harmonia Gardens Restaurant

Scene 3: Courtroom, Judge's Bench and Docket

Scene 4: Vandergelder's Feed Store

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meet the cast



Eleanor Aldworth

Police / Ensemble

Eleanor is happy to be in her second show at WC! A freshman, Nora was previously seen in *Dr. Doolittle, Jr.*, and *Willy Wonka, Jr.*, at Holy Spirit. She plays golf, is in the band, is a member of Students for Life and is in Catholics in Action.



Courtney Betten

Harry / Ensemble

Courtney is a sophomore at WC who was last seen as Little John in *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* and as Fannie/Ensemble in *Mary Poppins*. She was Thing 1 in GRCT's 2018 Traveling Troupe production of *The Cat In The Hat* as well as many shows at OLC. Courtney is in the color guard and choir at West. "Thank you Camp and Goffer family for driving me all over the place (you too, Mom!)"



Emily Bizon

Fritz / Ensemble

Emily is thrilled to be returning to the stage at the PAC after playing Mrs. Banks in *Mary Poppins* last spring. She has also been seen in *Joseph... Dreamcoat* as Benjamin, Seussical as Thing 1 and *Annie* as an orphan with West Catholic. Emily, a junior at WC, is a drum major in marching band, plays bass guitar in her family's polka band, and is vice president of her class. "I am very excited to be a part of WC theatre and is blessed to be in this amazing community."



Mary Camp

Rudolph Reisenweber / Ensemble / Dance Captain

Mary is a senior who was last seen as Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. A lifelong dancer, she has been performing in *The Nutcracker* with the West Michigan Youth Ballet for the past 11 years and was in *Newsies* at GRCT. At WC, she is involved with band, where she drum major and trumpet section leader, NHS, and Peer Ministry. "Special thanks to my family, friends, dance teachers, and directors for all their love and support"



Sophie DiCosola

Louie / Ensemble

Sophie is a junior at West Catholic and is delighted to be returning to the stage! Credits include Miss Lark/Park Keeper/Ensemble in *Mary Poppins*, Watch Keeper in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Wife/Ensemble in *Joseph..Dreamcoat*, and Edith in *Blithe Spirit*. She would like to give a special thanks to her family for their support, and a shout out to her cast mates for all of their hard work!



Bridget Donovan

Cook / Polka Contestant / Ensemble

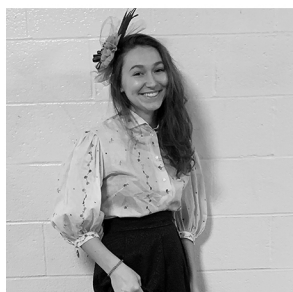
Bridget is thrilled to be performing in her first show at the PAC! She was last seen as the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* with Holy Spirit. Bridget, a junior, is on the cheer team, both sideline and competitive, and is in the marching band, choir, and is a member of NHS. "I hope you enjoy the performance."



Jacob Droski

Paperhanger / Polka Contestant / Ensemble

Jacob is a sophomore at West and this is his first musical! At Holy Trinity, he performed in the advent play each year and at WC is part of Quizbol, band, and Esports.



Sylvia Dusseau

Court Clerk / Ensemble

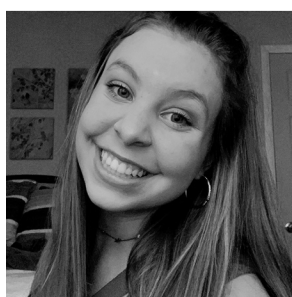
Sylvia is a junior at West Catholic and is excited to be a part of *Hello, Dolly!*



Rita Egeler

Judge / Ensemble

Renee is a freshman at WC and this is her first show at the PAC! She was last seen in *Seussical, Jr.* with OLC. Rita is on the bowling team and is in art club.



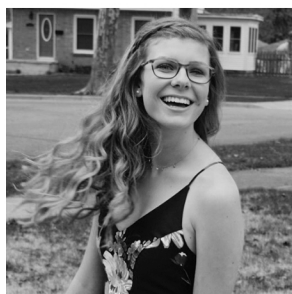
Claire Ferguson
Police / Ensemble

Claire is a sophomore at West and this is her first show with West Catholic! She was last seen in *High School Musical* as a nerd, *Honk!* as Henrietta, *Beauty and the Beast* as Mrs. Potts, *The Little Mermaid* as Flounder, and *Peter Pan* as Tinker Bell. "I am so grateful to be apart of such an awesome show with such talented cast members."



Becky Flickinger
Danny / Ensemble

Becky is a junior at West and is making her debut on the PAC stage! She has past been seen in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* as a tentacle, *Peter Pan Jr.* as a fairy, *Cinderella* as a grandmother, and was a member of the grassland chorus in *The Lion King Jr.* Becky is on the track team and is involved in student government, peer ministry, and marching band.



Lillian Frey
Police / Ensemble

Lillian is a junior at WC and was last seen in *Mary Poppins* as Miss Smythe/Ensemble and in *Seussical* as Vlad Vladicoff. At West, Lily is a member of women's leadership, is the junior class secretary, and is in choir and NHS. She takes violin lessons and plays with the Saint Cecilia Philharmonic. "Thank you to my dad for always helping me pursue my love of music."



Cecilia Gipson
Cook / Ensemble

Cecilia is a junior at West who was last seen as Martian in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in January. She also played Wendy Scarlett this past fall in *The Somewhat True Tale Of Robin Hood*. Ceci plays bass guitar in marching band and is learning 3D animation and game design at KCTC.



Michael Goffer
Polka Contestant / Ensemble

Michael is a sophomore at WC and is excited to be in his first WC musical! This past January, he was seen in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Snug the Joiner. Michael is on the football team and is part of priestly discernment, ACTON, and band.



Jenna Hemmes

Minnie Fay

Jenna has previously been seen in *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* as Prince John, *Mary Poppins* as Neleus/Valentine/Ensemble, *Much Ado About Nothing* as Hero, *The Mousetrap* as Mollie, *Joseph...Dreamcoat* as Asher, and *Blithe Spirit* as Elivira. "I want to thank everyone involved in this show and my family for supporting me."



Joshua Hernández

Ambrose Kemper

Joshua is a senior at West Catholic who was last seen as Robin Hood in *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*. Credits include Claudio in *Much Ado About Nothing* and Antonio in *The Merchant of Venice*. "I would also like to thank Jason Truskowski for asking me to be involved in theatre, as it has become one of my favorite things to do and I'll miss it."



Belle Ho

Hank / Ensemble

Belle is happy to be performing in her first musical! She is a senior at West Catholic and part of the bowling team. She hopes to study marketing in college.



Jonathan Jensen

Cornelius Hackl

Jonathan is a sophomore at West Catholic and was last seen as Thing Two in *Seussical*. He is involved with Priestly Discernment, Acton, Student Government, Schola Cantorum, Band, and Jazz Band at West. Jonathon also is a member of the track and cross country teams.



Lauren Klein

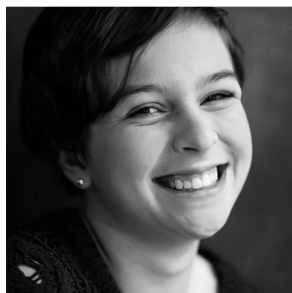
Mrs. Rose / Ensemble

Lauren is a senior at West Catholic and has been a part of the *Joseph...Dreamcoat*, *Seussical*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and *Annie*. She has also been very involved with the Shakespeare productions, most recently she was seen in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Cobweb. Lauren plans to go to GRCC to study nursing.



Maggie McKeiver
Polka Contestant / Ensemble

Maggie is a freshman at West and is pleased to be performing in her first musical at the PAC! She was last seen in *Willie Wonka Jr.* as Matilda/Oompaloompa and in *Peter Pan Jr.* as Wendy. Maggie is on the cross country team.



Madeline Mitchell
Ernestina Money / Ensemble

Madeline is a senior at WC was in the pit her freshman and sophomore year, acted as the assistant stage manager her junior year, and was the stage manager for the play this past fall. She takes trombone lessons at WMU and is a section leader in the band. Madeline plans to go to MSU to study astrophysics.



Jacob North
Polka Contestant / Ensemble

Jacob is excited to be making his debut on the PAC stage! He is a sophomore at West who was involved in performances at Holy Trinity before coming to West. At WC, Jacob is on the cross country and track teams and is involved with Schola Cantorum, Acton, Priestly Discernment, Student Government, Catholics In Action, and Band.



Elizabeth Ostoin
Irene Malloy

Elizabeth is a senior and this is her 4th musical at West, She has been doing theatre for over 7 years. She wants to thank her family and friends for supporting her! Enjoy the show!



Danielle Paganelli
Ermengarde

Danielle is a senior at West and last seen on stage as Mrs. Brill in *Mary Poppins*! She also performed in *Joseph...Dreamcoat* as Judah, *Guys and Dolls* as a member of the Missionary Band and Lady Luck, *Peter Pan Jr.* as Wendy, and in *Elf Jr.* as Jovie. "Being Ermengarde has been so fun and challenging, I appreciate being surrounded by a supportive and loving cast!"



Rachel Roersma

Stanley / Ensemble

Rachel is a junior at West Catholic last seen in *Joseph ...Dreamcoat!* She is in the marching band, and is on the softball and cheerleading teams. "Shoutout to my parents and my sister for taking me to rehearsals. Sending lots of love to my grandma, thank you for always believing in me and letting me talk about the show all day. A big shoutout to Miss Ouellette for being an amazing role model and teacher."



Andrew Schuler

Barnaby Tucker

Andrew is a senior at West Catholic. He is a member of the bowling team.



Hannah St. Andre

Dolly Gallagher Levi

Hannah is a senior during her time at WC, she was in *Guys and Dolls* as a Hot Box Girl and *Mary Poppins* as Miss Andrews/Bird Woman. Hannah also has been seen as Eponine in *Les Miserables*, Dana Turner in *Camp Rock*, Rusty in *Footloose*, and Mayzie in *Seussical*. She was the head drum major of the marching band and plans to study music education in college.



Renee St. Andre

Polka Contestant / Ensemble

Renee is a freshman at WC and is performing in her first show at the PAC! She has been seen in *Cinderella*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.*, and *Mary Poppins Jr.* When not in the theatre, Renee is involved with CIA and Women's Discernment. She is also on the volleyball and bowling team.



Jason Truskowski

Horace Vandergelder

Jason is freshman at Grand Valley. Previous credits include *Jack Juggler* as the Prologue at GVSU, *Elf the Musical Jr.* as Walter Hobbs with Prides Young Artists, and *Mary Poppins* as George Banks, *Much Ado About Nothing* as *Benedict*, and *The Mousetrap* as *Sgt. Trotter* with West Catholic. Jason would like to thank Miss Ouellette for this opportunity.



Courtney VanSolkema

Manny / Ensemble

Courtney is excited to be in her second production with West Catholic Theatre. This past fall, she was seen on the PAC stage as Lady Marian in *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*. Courtney was also seen as a blue mermaid in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and in *Seussical Jr.* as Horton. "I love the kindness and love that is found through performing and I cannot wait to share it with the audience!"

meet the staff

Kelsey and Conor Amick (Vocal Directors)

Kelsey and Conor are excited to join the team as Vocal Directors for *Hello, Dolly!* Kelsey is an alum of West Catholic ('14) and performed in several productions during her time at West. She participated in many different choirs during her high school and college career, as well as cantoring for Masses around Grand Rapids. Conor holds a degree in music and was the Liturgical Choir Director at Aquinas College during his senior year which entailed selecting music pieces and preparing the choir for mass each week. Both Kelsey and Conor graduated from Aquinas College in 2018 and were married a year later. They would like to thank Justina for the opportunity to all of the students for being so welcoming, kind, and - of course - talented.

Chris Jensen (Performance Pianist)

Chris is elated to be joining West Catholic again, this production marking nine years since *Godspell*, his first. While he played drums for *Godspell* and *My Favorite Year*, when an accompanist could not be found he played piano for *Annie* his senior year. He returned to play for *Seussical* and now *Hello, Dolly!* Chris received his degree in Piano Performance from Aquinas College, and is now the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Jude Parish. He is also the proud brother of Jonathan. Break a leg out there bro!

Mr. Darren LaPrise (Band Director)

Mr. LaPrise has been the Director of Bands at West Catholic since 1996 and also serves as the Associate Director of the West Catholic Concert Choir. He has been nominated twice for the Grammy of National Music Educator of the year. He has conducted the Marching Bands, the Concert Bands, the Jazz Bands, and most of the West Catholic Musicals. He has his Bachelor's degree in Music Education from MSU and his Masters degree in Educational Leadership from GVSU. Mr. LaPrise has really enjoyed this year's cast and instructs them to, "Break a leg!"

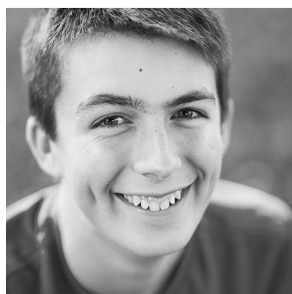
Justina Ouellette (Director and Scenic Designer)

Justina is thrilled to new Theatre Program Director. She holds a degree from Aquinas College in Theatre and Communication. When not in the theatre she can be found on the other end of the phoneline in the Main Office., Thanks to Mom and Dad, for being supportive of me in my studies and especially to Doré Furstenberg. Thank you for giving me my first role, I wish you could have seen where I have ended up. I hope I've made you proud.

Krista Pennington (Choreographer and Costume Designer)

Krista is delighted to be working with WCHS again this year! Past work at West includes directing *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*, *Mary Poppins*, and *The Mousetrap*. Other directing credits include *Assassins*, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, *The Good Doctor*, and *Bus Stop*. Krista is a graduate of Alma College with a degree in theatre. She currently resides in Detroit.

meet the crew



Owen Appel

Sound Assistant

Owen is a sophomore at West Catholic where he is involved with quiz bowl, ping pong club, and Catholics In Action. Outside of school, he competes in chess tournaments.



Paige Jewell

Backstage Crew

Paige is a senior at West Catholic who is involved with Girls Leadership and is on the softball team. She plans to attend Butler University for premed.



Madison Kammer

Backstage Crew

Madison is a senior at West Catholic who plans to study psychology in college. Madison crewed for *Mary Poppins* and was in a show she'd rather not discuss her freshman year. "I am so excited to be crewing again for the musical at West! I would like to thank the directors, pit, fellow crew members, and especially her family who have supported her this show! Thank you and enjoy the show! "



Marie Kieras

Stage Manager

Marie is a junior at West Catholic and is no stranger to the theatre! Previous credits include costume manager for *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*, light board operator for *Mary Poppins*, stage manager for *Much Ado About Nothing*, and stage crew for *The Mousetrap*. She was also seen onstage as Flute in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Marie is in band, on the tennis team, and involved with peer ministry, Catholics In Action, and Women's Discernment.



Megan Myers

Backstage Crew

Megan is a senior at West Catholic who plays clarinet in band. She was last seen on stage as Mustardseed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and was on crew for *Mary Poppins* last spring. She is looking forward to continuing her education and is considering studying recreational therapy. "I would like to thank my family and friends and especially my parents for all their support."



Emma Murphy

Wardrobe Master

Emma is delighted to be involved with her first show at West. She is a senior who is on the golf and softball teams. Emma received a golf scholarship to Siena Heights University where she plans to study special education.



Ben Novitsky

Props Master

Ben is junior at West who has been on the stage crew for *Mary Poppins* and was the audio assistant for *Joseph...Dreamcoat*. He also was on crew for his shows in middle school. Ben is involved with student government.



Joseph Pagnelli

Sound Assistant

Joey is a junior at West who previously was on the crew for *Mary Poppins*. He is on the tennis and bowling team and is involved with Catholics In Action. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support.



Megan Parzych

Crew

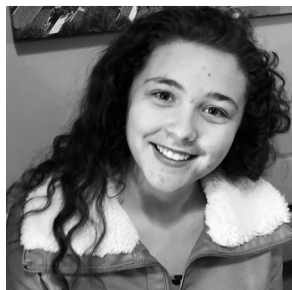
Megan is excited to be involved in her first show at West Catholic after previously being involved in theatre in middle school. She is on the tennis team and is involved with Students for Life, Life Force, Catholics In Action, and NHS. Megan plans to attend GVSU in the fall to study business.



Emilie Rabbers

Crew

Emilie is a senior at West last seen on stage as the Town's Gal in *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*. Previous credits include Mr. Paravincini in *The Mousetrap* and part of the ensemble for *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Joseph... Dreamcoat*, and *Guys and Dolls*. Emilie was also a member of the crew for *Mary Poppins*. Emilie plans to attend MSU in the fall to study veterinary science.



Nina Smith

Light Board Operator

Nina is a junior at West who acted as the light board operator for *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*. She is in the Saint Cecelia Winter Guard, the art club, Catholics In Action, and Safe Haven.



Hope Thome

Crew

Hope is excited to be involved in theatre again! She is a busy senior at West Catholic who is involved with Students for Life, NHS, Karios, Life Force, Women's Discernment, Girl's Leadership, and Catholics In Action. Hope is also on the cross country team and soccer team, where she is the captain of the latter. She plans to study environmental science in college.



Emma Wittkoski

Assistant Stage Manager

Emma is a sophomore at West who is on the softball team and in the robotics club. "I am so happy to be helping out with Hello, Dolly!"



We're so excited to see Danielle and Elizabeth in Hello, Dolly! We wish them the best as they finish up their senior year at West. We love you girls so much! XO

Mom and Dad Paganelli



Jenna,
We are so proud of you for continuing to follow your dreams! Enjoy each moment on stage! Break a leg & keep your light shining bright! We love you-Mom, Dad & Josh



ELIZABETH,
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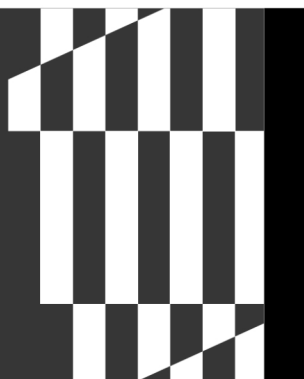


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