

PROGRAM

WEST CATHOLIC THEATRE PROGRAM PRESENTS



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BY STEPHEN GREGG



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Helen Koch
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Sophia Pawlanta
Savannah Pettit
Sierra Pettit
Emily Powell
Lily Siegel
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Allory Vyn

Lighting Designer

Tori Gonda

Costumes

Justina Ouellette

Directed by

Justina Ouellette

Sound Design

Aaron Bouwman

Original Music by Isaiah Louis Hastings

Produced by special arrangement
with Playscripts, Inc.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are so excited to kick off our 24/25 theatre season with *Trap*! This play is unlike any you've ever witnessed. I had toyed with the idea of tackling a documentary-style play for a while, but when this opportunity came about this past spring, it really piqued my interest. A high school play about a high school play? And it's based entirely upon interviews and recordings? At my core, I am (and always will be) just another theatre kid, but I am now an adult with a career that encourages me to explore my creativity; I decided we had to try the meta-theatre. And, boy, am I glad we did.

Beyond the obvious event it recounts, *Trap* is a play about a community's response to tragedy, and how powerfully fear can affect generation after generation. It is about the importance of listening to people, not just hearing them. Accounts from witnesses, first responders and survivors of an event that changed a community weave a story of perseverance in the pursuit of truth. It is also about how quickly an unforgiving news cycle can move on to the next sensation, forgetting entirely about the stories that captivated its audiences for days, and the people who lived them. We hope that you find this performance unforgettable.

Thank you for joining us for *Trap*. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the rest of our theatre season. Upcoming productions can be found on the back of this program!

Enjoy the show!

Justina Ouellette

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The performance will run about 80 minutes
with no intermission.

AUDIENCE WARNINGS

This production is rated PG and is recommended
for audiences 10 years old and up.

The play contains suspenseful moments and intense situations
that may be unsettling for younger children. There is no graphic
violence, gore or inappropriate content, but the atmosphere of
the play is designed to be unsettling at times.

Please be advised that this performance
contains the following elements:

Flashing Lights and Special Effects: Portions of the show
include the use of flashing lights, which may affect individuals
who are sensitive to strobe or other lighting effects.

Character Death: While there is no graphic violence
depicted, there is mention of the death of three characters
(including a child), and one character who dies onstage.

We appreciate your understanding
and hope you enjoy the show!

A Message to the Audience

This play is based on interviews
by the members of our theatre
company soon after the incidents
at Menachap, California in
October of 2024.

The interviews were filmed.

Tonight's performances are
based on those interviews as well
as on available primary sources
including letters, newspaper
articles, recordings, and security
camera footage.

We hope you enjoy the show!

Scenes

Section 1:
A PICTURE OF INFINITY

Section 2:
THE OAK BOX

Section 3:
WHAT HELD THEM?

Section 4:
MARION JAY

Section 5:
KENOSHA

Section 6:
SEARCH

Section 7:
TRAP

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in alphabetical order)

911 Operator	Haunted California
American Broadcaster	Gwendolyn Heche
Angela Lure	Interviewer
Avishay Lenser	Issa Fuente
Brand Hillock	Jonathan Mollusk
Brian Gurbaxani	Judge Matalucci
British Broadcaster	Kendra Silberling
Candelaria Ortiz	Kenosha Silberling-Johnson
Celia Brown	LA Times
Cell Phone Girl	Marion Jay
Clifton Barnes	Maura Aoki
Court Transcript	Melissa Tengue
Danalyynn Morse	Menachap Herald
Deputy 1	Mollusk's Counsel
Deputy 2	Norma Pike
Captain Donovan	Principal Hart Forbush
Ensemble 1	Queta Muguruza
Ensemble 2	Real Kenosha
Ensemble 3	Rickenoch Baynor
Ensemble 4	Sgt Brock
Ensemble 5	Spanish Broadcaster
Ephrain Salas	Tamblyn Grey
Fallen Boy	Time Magazine
Fallen Girl	Translator
Gander Main	

Production Team

Director.....	Justina Ouellette
Lighting Design.....	Tori Gonda
Sound Design.....	Aaron Bouman
Costumes.....	Justina Ouellette
Stage Managers.....	Maddie Trippany Isa Pulte
Show Caller.....	Elizabeth Stafford
Lightboard Operator.....	Johnathan Looks
Soundboard Operators.....	Joey Achatz Anabel Alonzo
Slideshow Operator.....	Ally Stoffers
Backstage Crew.....	Greta Aldworth

WHO'S WHO



Liam Aldworth *as Brand Hillock/Clifton/Sgt. Brock*

Liam Aldworth is starting his freshman year at West Catholic. Liam is ecstatic to be playing the roles of Brand Hillock, Sergeant T. S. Brock and Clifton Barnes. He has been in many performances, playing the Sultan in *Aladdin Jr.*, Alex the Lion in *Madagascar Jr.* and an assortment of characters from summer camp productions. When Liam isn't on the soccer field, he enjoys playing video games, building Legos and riding his bike. "Thank you to Miss Ouellette for being persistent to make me join, to my coaches for allowing me to fit this into my schedule, and to my family who has supported me all the way up to this point."



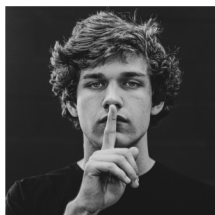
Cipriano Arizola *as Ephrain Salas*

Cipriano is in his sophomore year at West Catholic. He is proud to be playing the role of Ephrain Salas. His previous performances include an ensemble role in Walker Charter Academy's *James And The Giant Peach Jr.* and Mr. Warbucks in Walker Charter's *Annie Jr.* In his free time, Cipriano enjoys playing video games, listening to and playing music, and biking/hiking. He would like to thank his family for supporting his dreams, his friends for advising him on his life, and his girlfriend for supporting him through the struggles of personal life, school and theatre life.



Allie Buehler *as Ensemble*

Allie is in 9th grade at West Catholic. She is very excited to be part of this production and to be performing with this amazing cast. This is her very first production as a student at West Catholic. In her free time, she enjoys playing piano, the drums and basketball. She would like to thank her parents and grandparents for this opportunity and her sister for starting the Buehler theater troop.



Evan Buehler *as Capt. Donovan/ Jonathan Mollusk/Ensemble*

Evan is in his 4th year of school at West Catholic. He is excited to be a multitude of voices during this performance. In the past, he has participated in shows such as *A Twelfth Night*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Bells are Ringing*, *Movie Monsters* and *Crazy for You*. In his free time, he enjoys making music and playing video games. "Thank you to my family and friends for supporting me in my theatre endeavors. Thank you, especially, to my sister Claire, who brought me into the theatre program."

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Marie Cameron

as Ensemble/Maura Aoki/
Kenosha R Silberling Johnson

Marie is in her senior year at WC. She is thrilled to be playing Kenosha, Maura and ensemble in this production. She also appeared in *Crazy for You*, *Bells are Ringing* and *Cinderella*, and was a fabulous Creature in *Movie Monsters*. Other than theatre, Marie is a full-time Beatlemaniac; lover of antique stores, old TV, and cartoons; avid sketch artist and crafter; and enjoys spending time with the people she loves. "Thanks to my parents for giving me all the opportunities to explore my talents, my friends for always being there, and God for the wonderful gifts He's given me."



Hendrick Delira-Vargas

as *Fallen Boy*

Hendrick is quite excited to be part of such a thrilling production. His favorite shows he has been involved in are *Crazy for You* as Harry and the multiple productions in which he has assisted backstage. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, singing in the choir and listening to music. He wants to thank his family and friends for being so supportive of him, more specifically, his mom for always being there for him.



Jesilynne Delira-Vargas

as Candelaria Ortiz/
Queta Muguruza

Jesi is very excited about being in this play and about how different her two roles are. (She gets to speak Spanish at one point!) Jesi has been in two other shows as an actor. She was ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast* at her old school and ensemble in *Crazy For You* this past spring. However, she's been a part of other shows as a crew member (*Radium Girls*, *SpongeBob the Musical*, *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*, and *Movie Monsters*). In her free time, Jesi enjoys reading, playing *The Sims 4*, dancing, and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank her family for supporting her, especially her mom, and Rhonda and Ms. O for being such amazing directors to her, helping her grow as a person throughout her high school career.



Caleb Gardiner

as Ensemble

Caleb is in 9th grade at West Catholic. He has several different roles that he is doing and is excited to be doing them. Some of his previous performances were *Julie B. Jones* as Jose and *Shrek* as several different roles, mainly a Guard. He trains dogs and has been in several dog shows. He also enjoys going on trails with his bike. He wants to thank his mother for taking him back and forth between home, school and the PAC.

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Marjorie Gordon

as Gwendolyn Heche

Marjorie is in her senior year here at West Catholic. She is so excited to play the role of Heche. Some of her favorite stage performances include Edith in *The Plot Like Gravy Thickens*, Ruby in *Anne of Green Gables*, Cob in *Movie Monsters* and Mitzi in *Crazy For You*. She also enjoys singing in the school's concert choir, leading the Women's Discernment club at West and playing a variety of card games. "Thank you so much to all of my family members who have supported me throughout every performance, my best friend Maddie, who has always been there for me no matter what, and to all my friends that I got to know through this theater program!"



Adela Hulst

as Ensemble/Kendra Silberling/Norma Pike

Adela is a junior this year and will be performing multiple roles, including a 911 Operator, Norma and Kendra Sterling. Previous shows include *Crazy for You* as Betsy, *Bells Are Ringing*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and her favorite: Blue in *Movie Monsters*. When time permits, she's doing tennis, art and choir, listening to music, and/or crocheting. As always, Adela would like to give a big thanks to her friends and family for pushing her forward and being there for her when she takes a step back.



Sydney Kesterke

as Real Kenosha

Sydney is in her third year at West—a junior, if you will. She is incredibly stoked to be playing the REAL Kenosha. You might have seen her as Patsy in *Crazy For You*, Orwell in the fan favorite *Movie Monsters* or way back when in *Anne of Green Gables* as the diva known as Josie Pye. If you saw her as Boffo the clown, no, you didn't. When she's not on stage, she enjoys watching movies and TV shows, making music with her band, doing her nails, singing, writing, reading, and listening to music! "I'd like to thank everyone in my life who pushed me toward theatre, including my family, my best friends and my directors. I'd especially like to thank my parents for being my biggest supporters, Ms. Ouellette, who has helped me grow so much theatrically, and finally, everyone who sits at my lunch table for putting up with how much I talk :)"



Helen Koch

*as Ensemble/Issa Fuente/
Time Magazine*

Helen is in her sophomore year at West Catholic. She is extremely excited to be playing the roles of Celia Brown, Issa Fuente, Time Magazine and Ensemble this year! Helen was part of the crew of *Movie Monsters* and was a folie girl in *Crazy for You*. When she has downtime, she likes to read, draw, and play video and board games. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her through her theatre experience and her friends for making life more fun.

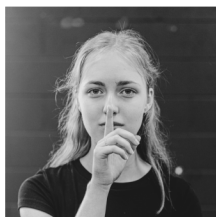
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Katarina Neidlinger

as Angela Lure

Katarina is in her fourth year here at West Catholic. She is extremely grateful and excited to be playing the role of Angela. Some of her favorite stage performances include Josephine in *Big Fish*, Irene Roth in *Crazy For You* and Mrs. Barry in *Anne of Green Gables*. In her free time, she enjoys singing, dancing, reading and hanging out with her fellow band mates at football performances. "Thank you to my parents for the endless love and support in this program, to my brothers for coming to watch and support me, to my friends for being my friends and all the fun we have onstage, and to Ms. O for being such a loving and amazing director!"



Sophia Pawlanta *as Ensemble/Los Angeles Times*

Sophia is in her senior year at West Catholic. She is elated to be taking on the roles of Interviewer, Los Angeles Times and Ensemble, among others. Her previous roles include Spider and Hollyhock in *Movie Monsters*, as well as being a member of the pit orchestra for the past three West Catholic musicals. In her spare time, she loves to sew, knit, crochet, play flute and piccolo, and spend time with friends and family. "I would like to thank God for giving me this amazing opportunity, my family for always supporting me and my friends for being a constant source of joy."



Savannah Pettit

as Cell Phone Girl

Savannah is a freshman at West Catholic. She is thrilled to be known as Cell Phone Girl. This is her first show ever. In her free time, she enjoys volleyball, painting and hanging out with friends. "Thank you to Teigan for always supporting me and making me laugh, my parents for loving me, my sister for letting me annoy her, and to everyone who loves me and my craziness."



Sierra Pettit

as Avishay Lesner/Court Transcript/Danalynn Morse

Sierra is a junior here at West Catholic. She is so beyond grateful and excited that she has the opportunity to play three roles: Avishay Lensner, Court Transcript and Danalynn Morse. You may have seen her moving props on and off stage for *Anne of Green Gables* or onstage for *Bells are Ringing* and *Crazy for You* as an ensemble/dance captain. Her favorite role had to have been the beloved gremlin named Goblin Greg in *Movie Monsters*. In her free time, Sierra enjoys throwing her flags around for colorguard, drawing in her sketchbook, digging deeper in her faith life and hanging around the people she loves most. "Thank you to all of the people that I have in my life for always supporting me. I especially would like to thank my parents for letting me express myself through all of my activities, even if it's a lot of driving around. Also, thank you, Miss Ouellette, for letting me be part of the theatre program itself. You all are rays of sunshine! I love you all!"

WHO'S WHO



Emily Powell

*as Ensemble/Melissa
Tengue/Menachap Herald*

Emily is in her second year of high school at West Catholic. She is excited to play the role of Menachap Herald, Melissa Tengue and a part of the ensemble. Some of her past performances include Vera in *Crazy For You*, July in *Annie Jr.* and Auntie Em in *The Wizard of Oz*. In her free time, she enjoys camping, painting, tennis, hanging out with her friends and going to her family's cottage. "Thank you to Mrs. Hulst for getting me hooked on theater, my parents for pushing me to do theater, and to my friends and family for always showing up for me!"



Lily Siegel

as Fallen Girl

Lily is excited to be a fallen girl in the West Catholic fall play. She has been in the play *Madagascar*. In her free time, she enjoys reading, swimming, drawing and yoga. She would like to thank her mom and other family members for always making sure she has the chance to shine.



London Siegel

as Marion Jay/Haunted California

London is a freshman at West Catholic High School. She is thrilled to be playing the role of Marion Jay in this year's fall production. One of London's favorite stage performances was in *Madagascar Jr. Musical Adventure* as Melman the giraffe. She enjoys writing stories, playing clarinet in the band, and spending time with her family and friends. "Thank you to my mom for always supporting me, my twin sister Lily for being the best friend a person could ask for, and my grandparents for always believing in me."



Allory Vyn

*as Ensemble/Gander
Maine/Rickenoch Baynor*

Allory Vyn is in tenth grade. She is so excited to be playing the role of Gander Main and Rickenoch Baynor. She has performed in *Movie Monsters* and *Crazy For You* during her high school career. In her free time, she enjoys watching sunsets, horseback riding, going to concerts and woodworking. "Thank you, mom and dad, for being by my side every step of the way, Nana for always supporting me, and my friends for all the fun we had!"

CREW WHO'S WHO



Maddie Trippany

Stage Manager

Maddie is a senior at West Catholic. She is excited to be the stage manager for the play. Some of her past shows include *The Plot, Like Gravy*, *Thickens*; *Cinderella*; *Anne of Green Gables*; *Bells are Ringing*; *Movie Monsters*; and *Crazy for You*. In her free time, she enjoys reading, taking care of her animals and taking nature walks. She would like to thank her mom for supporting her theater journey and for helping out with everything theater-related, and her sister for pushing her to try new things.



Isa Pulte

Assistant Stage Manager

Isa is a sophomore at West Catholic. She is thrilled to be the assistant stage manager. Two of her favorite shows she's worked backstage for are *Movie Monsters* and *Crazy for You*. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, fishing, reading and watching scary movies. "Thank you to Rose for always encouraging me to be myself and being the best big sister."

CREW



**Joey
Achatz**



**Greta
Aldworth**



**Anabel
Alonzo**



**Johnathan
Looks**



**Elizabeth
Stafford**



**Ally
Stoffers**

PRODUCTION WHO'S WHO



Justina Ouellette

Director

This is Miss Ouellette's 7th year working at West Catholic, and she could not be more excited about this theatre season. Previous directing credits include *Anne of Green Gables* and *Movie Monsters*, among others. She takes great pride in her job of instilling a love of theatre into the next generation of artists. In her free time, she is a board member for VOX GR Choir Ensemble and enjoys cooking meals for friends in her "Hello Dolly" pink kitchen. "This one is for my little siblings, even though we're all in our 20s, and I will definitely be hearing about this after the show."



MARJORIE

MARJORIE, WE HAVE LOVED YOUR PERFORMANCES
THESE PAST 3 YEARS.
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
ENJOY YOUR SENIOR YEAR!

LOVE YOU! GRAMMY & GRAMPY



Sophia

Sweet Sophia - You shine on the stage and in our hearts! We love you and are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Michael, Nick,
Nana and Papa

MARIE

Marie, we can't believe this is your last school play. You have been doing them for 8 years and each one was AMAZING! You are so TALENTED, and we are so PROUD of YOU!

Love, Dad, Mom and Jack



Katarina

Congrats to all the cast and crew!

Katarina, your fearless talent lights up the stage. We're thrilled to experience your senior fall performance. Love always, your biggest fans, snack suppliers, and loudest cheer squad!

~ The Neidlinger Family



ANABEL

Anabel, your continued strength in stepping out of your comfort zone makes us super proud. Continue to be your awesome self as you pursue new adventures in all that you do.

Love you always, Fabian, Mom, and Dad

LILY

LILY,
WE ARE SO EXCITED
TO SEE YOU PERFORM
TODAY. WE ARE
INCREDIBLY PROUD
OF YOU! WE LOVE YOU
SO VERY MUCH.
GIGI AND TOM

LONDON,
WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE
YOUR HIGH SCHOOL
ACTING DEBUT! WE ARE
VERY PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, AUNT TONYA,
UNCLE STEVE, ANNA &
MEGAN

LONDON

LONDON

LONDON,
WE ARE EXCITED TO
SEE YOU IN YOUR
FIRST WEST
CATHOLIC
PERFORMANCE. YOU
ROCK! WE LOVE YOU
SO VERY MUCH!
GIGI AND TOM

LILY,
WE ARE VERY PROUD
OF YOU! WE'RE EXCITED
TO SEE YOUR FIRST
HIGH SCHOOL PLAY!
LOVE, AUNT TONYA,
UNCLE STEVE, ANNA &
MEGAN

LILY

London,

We love to see you shine on stage. You are an incredible human. We love you.

- Mom & Lily



Lily,

Keep being an amazing human. You bring light to this world. We love you.

- Mom & London



London,

You always give an outstanding performance. We are so proud of you.

Sending all our love, Grandma & Grandpa



Lily,

You always surprise us in remarkable ways. We are so proud of you.

Sending all our love, Grandma & Grandpa



Support WC Theatre and your favorite cast and crew members by purchasing a flower (or two) to give them at the table or in the lobby!



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Thank you!

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for keeping the secret ;)**

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