



SPA

ST. PAUL ACADEMY  
AND SUMMIT SCHOOL

DOGG'S  
HAMLET

THE BALD  
SOPRANO

WASP

# 2023 UPPER SCHOOL ONE-ACTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

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Thank you for joining us at the Upper School's annual Winter One-Acts. The student-directed one-act series started 20 years ago in the Fall of 2003 and has continued as an annual celebration and even survived the virtual COVID year of 2021. The seniors that apply to direct a one-act choose their own scripts; audition and cast their own plays; design their scenery and costumes; and rehearse and block the entirety of the show. The faculty advisor watches several rehearsals to give feedback/advice, but what you see is the incredible work of these amazing students.

This year's one-act season started off with two snow days making the first week of rehearsals a little short. But the show must go on, right? With 10 regular rehearsals and 4 days of tech, these young people make magic happen! The energy of the one-acts is as joyous as it is infectious. And this year is no different. Being witness to the talent, commitment, tenacity, resilience and creativity of our SPA students during this process amazes me. My teacher heart swells with pride as they take on the creative leadership role of director and work with their casts to create something meaningful, magical, and enjoyable. The talent, intelligence, and creativity that they possess individually is a sight to behold but together... they are astounding. And this year, the student directors have both chosen to work on incredibly thoughtful, funny, intelligent, challenging, and engaging texts. I am so proud of them. Congratulations, Maggie and Quenby!

As always, many thanks for your support of our students and SPA theatre. Enjoy the shows!

## ONE-ACT PERFORMANCES

### DOGG'S HAMLET

By Tom Stoppard

Director: Eric Severson • Assistant Director: Akie Kutsanai

Baker/Francisco/Hamlet.....	Valerie Wick
Abel/Bernardo/Horatio.....	Bri Rucker
Charlie/Ophelia/Ghost/Osric.....	Ellie Putaski
Fox Major/Polonius/Laertes.....	Aarushi Bahadur
Dogg/Shakespeare/Claudius.....	Savannah Switzer
Easy/Gravedigger.....	Leo Sampsell-Jones
Lady/Gertrude.....	Grace Medrano

### 5 MINUTE INTERMISSION

### THE BALD SOPRANO

By Eugene Ionesco

Director: Maggie Fried

Set and Costume Assistant: Parisa Ghavami

Mrs. Smith.....	Maddie Pierce
Mr. Smith.....	Cosette Switzer
Mary.....	Cassandra Zirps
Mrs. Martin.....	Rachel Swenson
Mr. Martin.....	Madeline Kim
Fire Chief.....	Rowan Moore

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## WASP

By Steve Martin  
Director: Quenby Wilson

Dad..... Colin Will  
Sis..... Frances Matthews  
Son..... Murray Goff  
Mom..... Elzie Bieganeck  
Voice..... Zoe Cheng Pinto  
Premier/Choirmaster/Roger..... Franny Wagner

## ARTISTIC STAFF

Program Director and Supervisor..... Eric Severson  
Assistant Director..... Akie Kutsanai  
Technical Director and Scenic Designer..... Tyler Krohn  
Light Board Operator..... Peter Ostrem  
Sound Board Operator..... Patrick Wall  
Costume Crew..... Dalia Wolkoff  
Tech Crew..... Elzie Biegnak, Maggie Fried, Bri Rucker,  
Nora Shaughnessy, Savannah Switzer, Holly Wick,  
Paul Wick, Valerie Wick, Quenby Wilson  
Light and Sound Supervisors..... Gene Swanson, Melissa Douden, Jim Szalzy  
Photographer..... John Severson

## SPECIAL THANKS

Gene Swanson, Matt Edens, Jim Szalzy, Melissa Douden, Chuck Andres, Pete Kilibarda and the entire Maintenance Staff, Seamus Glewee and the entire Safety and Security staff, John Cole, Garry Clum, Ed Williams, Ken Jaffe, Stacy Tepp, Tom Anderson, Dr. Luis Ottley, Daryn Lowman, Tyler Krohn, Chris Huebner, Kate Lockwood, Mollie Ward, Ben Bolinger-Danielson, Mitch Frazier, Marit Warren, Anne Odegard, Ami Berger, John and Lynne Severson, Akie Kutsanai, Eleanor Schanilec, The Costume Collective, Next Stages, and a huge thank you and congratulations to our casts and crew as well as our amazing student directors, Maggie and Quenby!

## MSHSL ONE-ACT PLAY COMPETITION

Dogg's Hamlet will be SPA's entry at the MSHSL One-Act Play Competition. Our first round of competition (Sub-Sections) begins tomorrow morning (Saturday January 28th) at 10am right here in our own Huss Center for the Performing Arts. We will be performing third (11:50am) and will be competing against 6 other schools in our sub-section. If you would like to support this wonderful cast and crew, please join us tomorrow. We would love to have a big crowd supporting us since we are performing on our own stage. They always perform better when they feel the love of an audience that adores and supports them. There is no charge so feel free to come for any of the shows performing tomorrow and bring your friends. Remember the day starts at 10:00am, we perform PROMPTLY at 11:50am and there will NO LATE SEATING. It is always a fun day filled with high school theater. We will be competing against Lakes International Language Academy, Minneapolis North, New Life Academy, Nova Classical Academy, Open World Learning and Trinity at River Ridge. We hope to see you there!

## HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS STAFF

Director of Technology.....Garry Clum  
 Media/Technology Coordinator.....Gene Swanson  
 Web Manager and Media Coordinator.....Matt Edens  
 Director of Operations and Security.....John Cole  
 Facilities Superintendent.....Pete Kilibarda  
 Scheduling Supervisor.....Melissa Douden  
 Safety and Security Supervisor.....Seamus Glewwe  
 Huss Center Production Coordinator.....Eric Severson

### SPA PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR 2022-2023

*All performances at Huss Center except where otherwise noted*

#### **MS MUSICAL**

##### ***Matilda***

March 3, 2023, 7 pm  
 March 4, 2023, 7 pm  
 March 5, 2023, 2 pm

#### **M/US JAZZ BAND CABARET**

April 19, 2023, 7 pm

#### **US ORCHESTRA/VOCAL CONCERT AND COMMUNITY CHORALE**

April 29, 2023, 7 pm

#### **US MUSICAL**

##### ***Urinetown***

May 19, 2023, 7 pm  
 May 20, 2023, 7 pm  
 May 21, 2023, 4 pm

#### **MS SPRING SHOWCASE**

May 25, 2023, 6:30 pm

#### **MS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT**

May 31, 2023, 6:30 pm

#### **MS CHORAL CONCERT**

June 1, 2023, 6:30 pm