WISHING THE CAST AND CREW MUCH SUCCESS IN THEIR PERFORMANCE OF THE DINING ROOM

BEST,

THE CONNELL FAMILY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 – 2:00 & 7:30 PM
The Dining Room
by
A.R. GURNEY

Director
Michael Schwendemann

Technical Director
Glenn Deveau

Student Directors
Maddie Haughwout & Amelia Reilly

Set Dressing
Michael Schwendemann & Carrie Semelsberger

Backdrop
Grosh Backdrops & Drapery

Costumes
Carrie Semelsberger

Program
Ellen Fleury

Special Thanks
“Thank you, Annie.” – Father

Kathy Shea
For passing the torch

Susan Lyons
For accepting the torch

Carrie Semelsberger
For making us beautiful

Deb Ciccone
For the photos

The Ansons
For the furniture

The Santinins
For the props

The Parents
For everything

Custodial & Secretarial
For keeping us clean and on task

Eric Reynolds
For listening and the help

Brenden Cusack &
James Polansky
For the support

Director’s Notes
The dining room. Gathering place for family and friends or museum piece. What once was the room where ideas were exchanged, family updates given, and triumphs and tragedies celebrated or mourned now seems to belong behind velvet ropes. As we watch the dining room across the decades we also witness the decline of the family — miscommunication, misunderstandings and missed opportunities — the play forces us to look at ourselves, our values, and feelings about those who mean the most to us. You will witness a mosaic of vignettes providing a window into a vanishing class of society from the 1930s to the 1980s. Oh if these walls could talk. Food for thought — enjoy the show!
Scenes

SETTING: The play takes place in any upper middle class
dining room, somewhere in the northeastern United States.
Time: 24 hours over half a century.

ACT I

Scene 1: Real Estate ..............................Agent, Client
Scene 2: Sibling Rivalry .......................Arthur, Sally
Scene 3: Breakfast 1930 .....................Father, Annie,
Lizzie, Charlie, Mother
Scene 4: Table Wars ..............................Ellie, Howard
Scene 5: My Favorite Aunt ....................Grace, Carolyn
Scene 6: Puppy Love ..............................Aggie, Michael
Scene 7: Psycho-Change-o .................Architect, Psychiatrist
Scene 8: Happy Birthday! ...................Peggy, Winkie, Brewster,
Sandra, Billy, Julia, Ted
Scene 9: 1st National Grandpa ..........Dora, Grandfather, Nick
Scene 10: Coming Unglued ...................Paul, Margery
Scene 11: Memories Fade .....................Nancy, Stuart, Old Lady,
Ben, Beth, Fred

ACT II

Scene 1: Liquor Cabinet ......................Sarah, Helen
Scene 2: Caught in the Act ....................Kate, Gordon, Chris
Scene 3: Anthropology Project ..........Tony, Aunt Harriet
Scene 4: You Can't Go Home Again ....Meg, Jim
Scene 5: Insult at the Club .................Emily, David, Claire,
Bertha, Standish
Scene 6: Funeral Arrangements ..........Harvey, Dick
Scene 7: Goodbye Dinner ...................Ruth, Annie, Guests, Host

Cast

Charlie, Boy 2 (Billy), David ..................Ryan Aguirre
Client, Buyer (Psychiatrist), Tony ............Zubair Ali
Agent, Grace, Margery, Kate ..................Isabella Cahill
Sally, Winkie, Helen, Meg ....................Natalie Ciccone
Arthur, Ted, Paul, Jim .........................Peter Ciccone
Girl, Claire, Ruth ..................Katherine Eichenberger
Father, Architect, Kid, Stuart, Standish, Host ............Will Fallon
Michael, Grandfather, Ben, Gordon, Harvey ...........Robert Jean Gilles
Annie, Kid, Old Lady (Mother) ...............LJ Kindall
Howard, Fred, Chris, Dick ..................Keenan Lyons
Aggie, Beth, Aunt Harriet, Bertha ..........Amelia Maggio
Sandra, Dora ......................................Catherine McCooey
Boy 1, Nick .....................................Gabriel Moskovitch
Mother, Carolyn, Peggy, Sarah ..............Abby Semelsberger
Ellie, Nancy, Emily ..........................Chloe Wheeler
Who’s Who in the Cast

RYAN AGUIRRE (Charlie, Boy 2 (Billy), David) is a freshman at Huntington High School. In the past he has starred in productions of Annie Jr., Willy Wonka Jr., Suessical Jr., and Oz! He is very excited to be starring in his first high school production.

ZUBAIR ALI (Client, Buyer (Psychiatrist), Tony), a sophomore, is excited to participate in his third high school production. He is a thespian at heart and also loves to sing. He has been involved in other productions before high school. He participated in a summer program at the John Engeman Theater, he was in a production of Into the Woods, was Augustus Gloop in Willy Wonka in 6th grade and participated in Seussical the Musical at Finley.

ISABELLA CAHILL (Agent, Grace, Margery, Kate) is so grateful to be a part of her fifth show at Huntington High School! She has previously played Countess (Don’t Drink the Water), Andrina (The Little Mermaid), multiple roles (The Laramie Project), and Jester (Once Upon A Mattress). As a junior, she looks forward to coming to rehearsal every day and spending her time with her favorite people, who she also calls her family. Most importantly, she’d like to thank Schwen along with the cast for bringing another fantastic show together!

NATALIE CICCONE (Sally, Winkie, Helen, Meg) is extremely excited to be performing in her third high school Drama Club production. Her past roles include Flounder (The Little Mermaid Jr.), Veruca Salt (Willy Wonka Jr.), The Little Red-Headed Girl (You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown), Bird Girl (Seussical Jr.), Reporter and Kristen Price (The Laramie Project), and Lady in Waiting (Once Upon a Mattress). She would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann and the entire cast and crew for making this experience so memorable!

PETER CICCONE (Arthur, Ted, Paul, Jim) is proud and excited to be part of his fourth drama and seventh show at the High School. He is a senior, so this experience has been very sentimental. He would like to thank Will for being his companion throughout this Drama Club journey since The Babbling Brooks in ninth grade. Amelia R and LJ have also been great friends since The Little Mermaid, and Amelia M, who joined Drama Club during The Laramie Project, has already become a special member of the club. Izzy was the first person in her grade to join and has always known her funny memes. Maddie has been a great student director and we are lucky to have had her for the last three shows. The sophomores are constantly having fun, whether it is Zubair drinking orange juice, Robert eating dinner, Abby singing, Keenan doing homework, or Natalie being a goofy baby sister. Peter hopes
the five freshmen this year have had the
time of their life, and that this first show
has been very special for them! Break a
leg Chloe, Ryan, Katherine, Catherine,
Gabe, and to everyone else in the cast!

KATHERINE
EICHENBERGER (Girl,
Claire, Ruth) Katherine
is thrilled to be in her
first show at Huntington
High School. She has
been in 11 musicals, but this is her first
play. Some of her favorite roles include
Patrice (13), Bridget (Bring It On), and
Baker’s Wife (Into The Woods Jr.). She is
excited to be working with Schwen for
the first time since fourth grade, when
he directed the first musical she ever did,
Little Mermaid Jr. She is grateful to be
part of such an amazing cast.

WILLIAM FALLON
(Father, Architect, Kid,
Stuart, Standish, Host) is
a Senior in his seventh
production at Huntingon
High School. He has
also been in The Laramie Project and
Once Upon a Mattress (Dauntless) at the high school as well. He’d like to thank his
entire family for all the support they’ve
given him throughout the years. It’s his
last drama here so he’s gonna act his
heart out and enjoy every second of it.

MADDIE HAUGHWOUT
(Student Director) is
excited to start the new
year with Drama Club.
She’d like to thank the
cast for all their hard work
and dedication towards the show.
Maddie helped out with The Laramie
Project (2016) and Once Upon A Mattress
(2017) at the high school. She’s ready to
learn as much as she can to prepare for
a future in Theatre Arts!

ROBERT JEAN-GILLES
(Michael, Grandfather,
Ben, Gordon, Harvey)
is very excited to be a
part of this year’s play.
In the play Robert plays
Michael, Ben, Grandfather, Gordon, and
Harvey. In the past Robert has played
Sebastian the Crab, Charlie Brown,
multiple roles in The Laramie Project,
and King Sextimus in last year’s musical.
Robert would like to say thank you to
everyone involved in this production,
especially the support from his family.
He is very grateful to his mother for sup-
porting him with his involvement with the
arts and couldn’t ask for more. He
hopes that all enjoy the performance.

LJ KINDALL (Annie, Kid,
Old Lady-Mother), play-
ing both a child and an
old woman, is thrilled
to take part in this pro-
duction of The Dining
Room. She has joined the Drama Club in
productions for the last four years, and
is incredibly grateful to have such a won-
derful cast for her last drama.

KEenan LYONS
(Howard, Fred, Chris, Dick)
most recently performed
at Manhattan School of
Music as Jack in Into the
Woods. In addition he
performed last year in HHS production
of Once Upon A Mattress as Sir Harry and
The Laramie Project. He has performed
at Lincoln Center in the MCP production
of Crazy for You and Carnegie Hall, as a
soloist in PCI’s production, Broadway’s
Next Generation. He has also appeared
in Guys and Dolls, Carousel, and Beauty
and the Beast at the Manhattan School
of Music and as a Storyteller in Cultural
Arts Playhouse’s Mainstage production
of Children of Eden. Keenan also attends
the pre-college program at Manhattan
School of Music for vocal studies. He is
a sophomore and thanks Mr. Schwende-
mann for this amazing opportunity
and his fellow thespians for a wonderful
production of The Dining Room.

AMELIA MAGGIO
(Aggie, Beth, Aunt Harriet,
Bertha) is so excited
about her last drama at
Huntington! She loves
to act (but hates Irish
accents) and sing. She’s so excited to
see what the future holds for her! Even
even though she doesn’t plan to pursue act-
ing in the future, it will always be some-
thing close to her heart. She would like
to thank the amazing cast and crew for
making her a part of the Blue Devils family! Party party time!!!

Catherine Mccooey
(Sandra, Dora) is a fresh-
man in Huntington High
School. She has been in
multiple musicals such as
The Sound of Music,
Seussical Jr., and Oz! However, this is
her first drama. In this production, she
is playing a child named Sandra and a
maid named Dora. She is very excited
for her first production here at the
High School!

Gabriel Moskovich
(Boy 1, Nick) is really
excited to work with
everyone on this amazing
production and has made
a lot of great friends in
Drama Club. He plays Nick and Brewer
in this production and working with the
other kids in his scenes was a very inter-
esting experience. He hopes that you
enjoy this year’s play!

Abby Semelsberger
(Mother, Carolyn, Peggy,
Sarah) is ecstatic to be a
member of this amazing
production! Favorite
credits: Minstrel (Once
Upon A Mattress) multiple roles
(The Laramie Project) Frenchy (Grease)
Gertrude McFuzz (Seussical) and Snoopy
(You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown). She
would like to thank her amazing voice
and dance teachers, wonderful support-
ive cast, her friends and family, and her
director Mr. Schwendemann for making her
a better actress.

Amelia Reilly
(Student Director) is
excited to be taking part
in her sixth show and first
as a student director at
Huntington High School.
She would like to thank Schwen and the
rest of the cast for everything and she
hopes you all enjoy the show!

Chloe Wheeler (Ellie,
Nancy, Emily) is thrilled
to be performing in her
first drama at Huntington
High School. Favorite
credits include: Reddi
High, Dream Street, Miracle on 34th Street,
Beauty and the Beast, and The Music Man.
She was seen on Telemundo’s La Voz
(The Voice). She’d like to thank the entire
cast and crew of The Dining Room. Check
out her SoundCloud at CHLO$ TaY!
Congratulations to the cast and crew of The Dining Room

Break a leg Amelia Maggio!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily, Caroline and Charlotte
Heidi and Ellie ^_^
Thanks for all you do Schwen!!

Congratulations Keenan & the entire Cast and Crew of

The Dining Room

With love & pride,
Mom, Dad, Katharine and Grandma
William,
Mom and Nancy are so proud of you!
You will be GREAT!
Break a Leg!
All of our Love
Always!

Wishing the cast and crew a wonderful performance of The Dining Room. You are an amazing group! With much love and admiration,
The Ali Family

CREATIVITY IS CONTAGIOUS. PASS IT ON.
The Office of Fine and Performing Arts congratulates the cast and crew of The Dining Room

L.J. –
You have always been our star.
Very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Abby and the entire Drama Club –
Break a leg!
We are so proud of all of you!
Love,
The Semelsberger Family

Congratulations to the accomplished members of the FIRST DRAMA CLUB!!

Looking forward to an outstanding performance of THE DINING ROOM!

Jim Polansky
Kathie Acker
Beth McCoy

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF
THE DINING ROOM

AND TO
PETER AND NATALIE
WE COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD!
Love,
Mom and Dad
The Huntington High School Drama Club invites you to join us again on March 23rd and 24th for our spring musical!

To our amazing Schwen –

Your talented direction, inspirational guidance and loving support for your cast comes shining through in every performance!

With our love and appreciation,

Your Cast & Parents
Boosters

Zubair – we wish you a wonderful performance! So happy to see you so passionate and committed to something that makes you so happy. You are our SRK. – With all our hearts, Mommy and Pappa

To the amazing cast – Thanks for making my first show as a “costumer” so much fun! Looking forward to many more shows! – Love, Carrie Semelsberger

Congrats on your first high school show Gabe! – We love you, Mom and Abba

To my big brother Kee Kee….I love you to the moon and back a million, trillion times. Thanks for always singing with me! – Love, Katharine

To our big brother Zubair – break a leg! We love seeing you on stage. – Love, Sabeena and Nadeera.

Abby and the entire Drama Club – Break a Leg! We are so proud of all of you! – Love, The Semelsberger Family

Robert, We are very proud of you. Have fun and most importantly, ‘break a leg!’ – Love, Momma (AKA Hyped woman), Papap, Naine, M&M, Uncle Chris, Tatie Danielle, Uncle Sal, Tatie Babes, Uncle Francky, Tatie, Uncle Thierry, Mom Cilia and Cousin Justin

To a great cast and our fearless leader Schwen, nothing but gratitude for a fabulous performance and experience this year. Go get em! – Love, Keenan

Zubair, we are so proud of you and so happy to see you perform on stage. Break a leg. – Love Nama and Jan.

To the cast and Schwen – love you guys SO much! Thanks for making this show awesome. – Love you always, Abby

Schwen…..how do you do it? Your special brand of magic has once again taken hold in The Dining Room. Congrats and enormous thanks!! – Susan and Patrick Lyons

To the cast, crew and staff and all the people who make the drama production possible – thank you for all your efforts for making the magic happen. It is a special gift to bring a drama to life. – With much love, The Ali Family

Congrats Keenan…watching you pursue your dreams makes us so proud! Keep on shining. –Lots of love, Mom and Dad

Zubair “Kuch Kuch Hota Hai” – Love Rani

Break Legs, cast! We love you, Chloe! –Love, Mom, Dad and Julian

To Abby – Shine on…we love you so much!! – Love, Mom, Dad and Jack

To Schwen – Thank you for all that you do for our kids! – Carrie and Dave Semelsberger

Best wishes and much love to our seniors

Peter Ciccone, Will Fallon, LJ Kindall, Amelia Maggio and Amelia Reilly on their last drama production.

The Drama Club Parents’ Association