



FINLEY DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:

# Bad Auditions... On Camera!

On **ZOOM** live stream  
Thursday,  
The 25th of March, 2021

Finley Middle School Drama Club

Production of

# Bad Auditions. . .On Camera

A Comedy By Ian McWethy & Carrie McCrossen  
and

## “Popular”

from the Broadway Musical *Wicked*

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

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### Scenes and Musical Numbers

Scene 1: Welcome / preview

Scene 2: Intro

Scene 3: Gina Marie

Scene 4: Kellin

Scene 5: Amalia 1

Scene 6: Tandy

Scene 7: Jeff

Scene 8: Amalia 2

Scene 9: Carmen

Scene 10: Georgie

Scene 11: Amalia 3

Scene 12: Wendy

Scene 13: Phyllis

Scene 14: Rory

Scene 15: Tom

Scene 16: Uma

Scene 17: The Vote / Popular

Scene 18: Epilogue



## **"Bad Auditions...on Camera" Cast:**

Introduction Speakers. . . . . Edith Thaler & Riley Sullivan  
Voting Explainers. . . . .Wynne Franciscovich & Caleb Palermo  
Josie & Riley . . . . .Josie Sullivan & Riley Uvena  
Gina Marie . . . . . Liva Camarata  
Kellin. . . . .Katie Cocoman  
Amalia. . . . . Ella Ackerman  
Tandy. . . . . Giana Anfolisi  
Morgan. . . . .Amber Miles  
Carmen. . . . .Sofia VanArsdale  
Georgie . . . . .Lily Wasoski  
Wendy. . . . .Sofia Ciccotto  
Phyllis. . . . . Ayrianna Smith  
Rory. . . . . Gabriela Genao  
Tom. . . . .Sam Soric  
Uma. . . . .Addie Akridge  
Casting Directors : Maya Akerman, Michaela Dopico, Domenica Elgart, Vincenza Garofalo, Azucena Gomez,  
Emma Gutierrez, Heather Herman, Emily Kustera, Lily Michaelson, Molly O'Brien, and Alexa Schirripa

## **Popular Cast**

Maya Akerman, Addilynn Akridge, Liva Camarata, Sofia Ciccotto, Katie Cocoman, Michaela Dopico, Domenica Elgart, Wynne Franciscovich, Azucena Gomez, Emma Gutierrez, Amalia Heinz, Heather Herman, Grey Hodgkinson, Daniela Ibarra, Emily Kustera, Caleb Palermo, Ayrianna Smith, Isabella Smith, Josie Sullivan, Riley Sullivan, Riley Uvena, Lily Wasoski, Madeline Zelaya Yanes

## **Production Team**

Theatrical & Artistic Director.....Susan Graber  
Assistant to Director.....Kimberly Finneran  
Editor.....Susan Graber  
Costume & Character Make-up Coordinator.....Susan Graber, Cast Members & Crew  
Program Design.....Kimberly Finneran  
T-Shirt & Cover Designs.....Domenica Elgart & Isabella Smith

## **Production Crew & Promotion Team**

Maya Akerman  
Katie Cocoman  
Amalia Heinz  
Grey Hodgkinson  
Isabella Smith  
Samuel Soric  
Katie Sorto

## Notes from the Directors:

Welcome to the 2021 Finley Drama Production. It may not be our usual fare but we can't wait to share our show with everyone! There was a lot of uncertainty of how this was going to work. We are grateful for the hard work of all the participants in contributing in their own ways to this show.

This production was born out of a desire to give the students a chance to have a creative outlet in a trying school year. It brought students to our club who may not have participated in the past and gave kids new dramatic skills to focus on. We also got to dedicate more of our time to learning about the editing process and the behind the scenes business aspects of putting together a show. We even learned about copyright laws and some of the important tasks that need to be done to make sure everyone is credited for their work. The students were very enthusiastic about being a part of this team!

Thank you so much for supporting us for our show this year. We were happy to "get together" and entertain you with our 2021 production. As always, this show would not have been possible without the help and support of a few people around our school and district. Please join us in saying "thank you" to:

- Mrs. Mortell, Ryan Donovan, Katherine Valle Herrera & Naomi Lyons for creating our poster advertisements for the school.
- James Graber for listening to all our plans for the show and sharing his photographic and technological assistance.
- Trisha Hahn for being a secondary editor.
- Mrs. Roethel for supporting the idea of our club running this year, talking it out with us, and helping it happen in oh so many ways.
- Mr. Reynolds for being a sounding board on how we could run this successfully.
- Mrs. Janet O'Neill & Mrs. Mardella Edwards for helping us navigate the financial aspects of the show.
- Mr. Jim Hoops for helping us announce the show on our website.
- Central Administration: Mr. Polansky, Dr. Acker, and Mrs. McCoy for allowing us to run this program in a trying year and giving the students an opportunity for a creative outlet outside of their school day.
- The parents for helping their students "attend" and participate in a surprisingly busy winter.
- Isabella Smith for always having a "can do attitude" with any task presented to her.
- The students! Thank you for sharing your ideas, time, and energy with our team. We look forward to working with you and seeing you in future shows in person!

So sit back and relax from the comfort of wherever you are and enjoy the show!



## Who's Who in the Cast



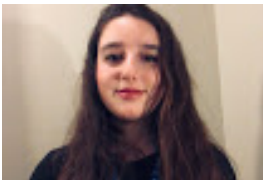
**Mrs. Graber** (Drama Club Director) is excited to be working on her third show at Finley Middle School. She has been teaching music in Huntington all over the district for most of her teaching career. She lives in Huntington with her two kids and husband where she enjoys going for runs, crafting, and camping with her family.



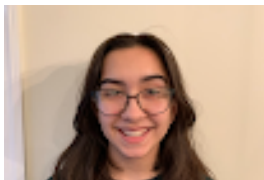
**Ms. Finneran** (Assistant Drama Club Director) is excited to be working on her very first show at Finley - or anywhere! She teaches Social Studies and ENL Social Studies at Finley Middle School and has enjoyed chaperoning many of the Drama Club's previous productions. She was born and raised in Queens but currently lives in Amityville and loves to sing, even though her enthusiasm for music does not translate into actual talent :)



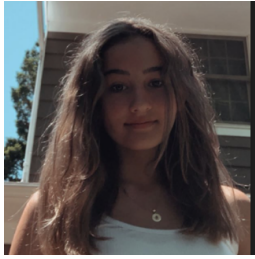
**Ella Ackerman** (Amalia) is so happy to be in this year's play. Ella loves to make people laugh. Ella would like to thank her friends and family because they make her very happy every day.



**Maya Akerman** (Casting Director) is in 7th grade at Finley Middle School. Maya is very happy and excited to be able to participate and have a role in this year's play! Maya has participated in many plays, for example, the play last year "The Wizard of Oz" and played the part of one of the Emerald City people. When not involved in the Drama Club, Maya loves to cook, bake, do art, bike, swim, and read.



**Addilynn Akridge** (Uma) is in the 8th grade at Finley Middle School. She is known as "The Real Slim Shady". She enjoys reading, music, and the fine arts. She is excited to participate in this year's play. Addilynn has loved her Finley family and is grateful for the memories she's made these past years.



**Giana Anfolisi** (Tandy) is a student at Finley Middle School. Giana is excited to be in her first play at Finley. Outside of school. Giana is either hanging out with friends, spending time with family, or watching Netflix or Youtube.



**Liva Camarata** (Gina Marie) is a student at Finley Middle School & is very excited to be participating in the school play this year. Although she is not able to interact with other actors in person, she is grateful to be able to at least perform virtually. When she is not singing or acting she can be found spending time with her loving and supportive family.



**Sofia Ciccotto** (Wendy) is an 8th-grade student who just transferred to Finley this past November, and is excited to do her first musical here! She lives in Huntington with her parents, her sister, and her dog Winnie. Outside of school, she can commonly be found in her room singing, drawing, playing video games, or dancing.



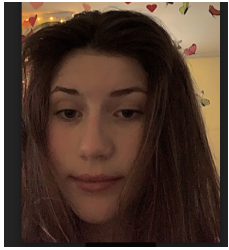


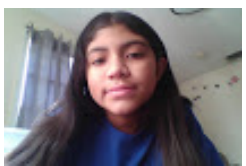



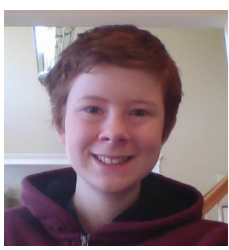
**Katie Cocoman** (Kellin) is a seventh-grade student here at Finley and a member of the Finley play cast, singing ensemble, and has made contributions to the stage crew. Her past roles were Kiteflyer and Bumblebee in Mary Poppins, and Jitterbug, Lullaby League ballerina, and an Optimistic girl in the Wizard of Oz musical. She is so excited to Be "Kellin" this year and looks forward to performing in the future!

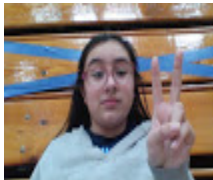







**Michaela Dopico** (Casting Director) is an 8th grader at Finley Middle School and is happy to be in her school's play again after being in them for the last 4 years. Michaela also does acting outside of school and has starred in many plays there. When not singing, dancing, and acting, Michaela can be found hanging out with friends, obsessing over books and Netflix, and hanging out with her dog.

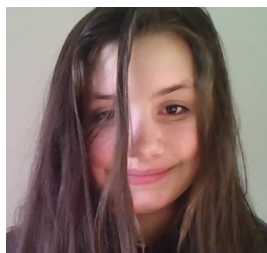


**Domenica Elgart** (Casting Director) is a 7th grader at Finley Middle School and is excited to be a part of the show this year! She enjoys acting, music, drawing, and skateboarding. You may have seen her as the Scarecrow in Woodhull's production of The Wizard of Oz, or as many roles at Simple Gifts Theatre Productions. To the cast and crew - it's been awesome working with everyone, great job!

	<p><b>Wynne Franciscovich</b> (Popular Cast) is a student at Finley Middle School. She has been in two school plays before this and is excited to be a part of this year's play.</p>
	<p><b>Vincenza Garofalo</b> (Casting Director) loves to participate in Drama Club and has been since 5th Grade. She has been in Beauty And The Beast (Silly Girl 3), Mary Poppins (Bird Woman, Sweeper), and has been the Assistant Director in Alice In Wonderland. Being part of Drama Club is something that really brings Vincenza joy and hopes to do it in the future. (Maybe even on Broadway!!!)</p>
	<p><b>Gabriela Genao</b> (Rory) is playing her first-ever role as a main character, Rory, in the show, Bad Actors Caught On Camera. She loves to bake and is the owner and CEO of her bakery called Gabby's Baked Goods! She hopes she can continue in Drama Club throughout the years as she gets older.</p>
	<p><b>Azucena Gomez</b> (Casting Director) is really excited to be a part of this production. She has been in the last two Woodhull productions. When not involved in plays, she is usually drawing, listening to music, and reading. She is really excited to work with everyone and make new friends.</p>
	<p><b>Emma Gutierrez</b> (Casting Director) This is Emma's (a Casting Director) first play that she has done and she would like to thank Louis Tomlinson for inspiring her to do a school play.</p>
	<p><b>Amalia Heinz</b> (Crew) This is Amalia's third time being in stage crew. She was in the ensemble of Beauty and the Beast in 5th grade and was in stage crew for Mary Poppins and Alice in Wonderland in 6th and 7th grade. She is also a part of the "Popular" performance. She lives with her parents, brother, and pet parakeets. Amalia has really enjoyed being a part of this year's show!</p>
	<p><b>Heather Herman</b> (Casting Director) is a 7th grader at Finley Middle School. She is excited to be in her second production in the school district. She is a casting director. When not practicing for Finley Drama Club she can be found baking, painting, or singing. She would like to thank her mom for helping her practice her lines and her friends for supporting her!</p>
	<p><b>Grey Hodgkinson</b> (Crew) is excited to be a part of this year's play. They played Mathilda in last year's production of 'Alice in Wonderland' and are a part of the ensemble this year. When not involved in theatre, he can be found baking, drawing, and playing video games.</p>

	<p><b>Daniela Ibarra</b> (Popular Cast) is a 13-year-old girl who loves music, video games, art, drawing, her family, and her friends. Daniela has joined the Drama Club for some change in her life and decided to try out. Daniela has enjoyed acting and singing for as long as she can remember. Daniela hopes she can get to do this again without the pandemic and hopes that everyone stays safe and healthy!</p>
	<p><b>Emily Kustera</b> (Casting Director) is super excited to be participating in this year's play. Even though things are very different this year, she is so happy that the Drama Club was able to continue, even if it is different than before. She has played many roles in musicals outside of school like Wendy from Peter Pan, Marta from The Sound of Music, and many more. She loves theatre and is so glad to be a part of this club.</p>
	<p><b>Amber Miles</b> (Morgan) is an eighth-grader at Finley Middle School and enjoys volleyball and baking. Amber participated in Finley's play last year, Alice in Wonderland, as Violet. When she isn't doing theatre you may find her in town hanging out with friends or at the mall.</p>
	<p><b>Molly O'Brien</b> (Casting Director): Molly O'Brien is a student at Finley Middle School and is excited to be in the school play for the fourth time! She lives in Huntington with her parents, her brother, and their dog Cooper. When not involved in theatre, Molly can be found playing soccer, horseback riding, reading, writing, or hanging out with her friends.</p>
	<p><b>Caleb Palermo</b> (Popular Cast) is a student at Finley Middle School. He is excited to come back to the play as a singing part. He has been in 3 school plays now he was John Northbrook in the Mary Poppins play 2 years ago and was tree number 3 and a winkie guard in the wizard of oz play last year. When not doing drama he is doing school hanging out with family and friends and goes to Serra Brazilian jiu-jitsu to train.</p>
	<p><b>Alexa Schirripa</b> (Casting Director) is an 8th Grader at Finley Middle School and is participating in the play for the first time. She is so excited to be a part of the production. She lives in Huntington with her family, and on her own time, you can see her playing games, or singing.</p>





**Ayrianna Smith** (Phyllis) is an 8th grader in Finley Middle School. She is stoked to be in another one of Finley's school plays. This is Ayrianna's second year in theatre. Last year she was in the play "Alice in Wonderland Jr." playing one of the many main roles which was the March Hare. This year Ayrianna will be acting as Phyllis. When she is not doing Drama Club, you can find her studying, reading, singing, or hanging out with her family, friends, and pets.



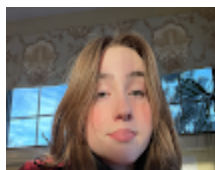
**Isabella Smith** (Crew) is a seventh-grader at Finley Middle School and is excited to be on crew for her first year. With this being only the second play she has been in, it has really been a wonderful experience (even with the changes this year has brought upon us). When she is not in school, she can be found doing any fun new hobby of some sort, whether it be baking, yearbook club, listening to some sort of new genre of music, or just simply reading a new book. Isabella is excited to be in this year's play.



**Sam Soric** (Tom) is attending Finley Middle School and is beyond excited to be acting on Zoom, after more than a year of not performing. When Sam is not acting, he can be found binging all of his favorite shows, hanging out with his friends, and eating Takis. Sam has played Walter Hobbs in Elf, Michael in Mary Poppins, Tweedle Dee in Alice in Wonderland, and so many more!



**Katie Sorto Cabrera** (Crew) In her first year participating in theatre, Katie continues to love to be active in school activities and is very passionate about theatre. When not involved with school activities, Katie likes to watch Netflix or Youtube.



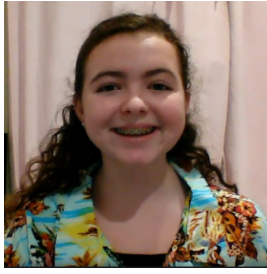
**Josie Sullivan** (Josie) is an 8th grader at Finley Middle School. Josie has done all of the school productions since she could in fifth grade. She played Belle in Beauty and the Beast, Mary in Mary Poppins, and Alice in Alice in Wonderland. Josie is so excited to be doing this show with all of her friends. Although this year has been weird and difficult, this play has been an outlet for Josie to have fun.



**Riley Sullivan** (Introduction Speaker): This is Riley Sullivan's 3rd show in the Huntington district and she has done 2 other shows with variations. She is super excited about this year's Zoom production and she can't wait to see how it comes out. When she is not on stage, Riley likes to cook, bake, surf, play with her dog (Harper), hang out with her family, watch Netflix, or read a good book. She is super excited for everyone to see what she and her classmates have all been working very hard on and she hopes you enjoy the show.



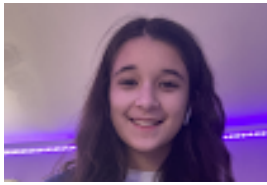
**Edith Thaler** (Introduction Speaker) Edith Thaler is a 7th grader. She is a graduate of Love of Learning Montessori School. While there, she wrote and performed in many productions. Edith is also an avid dancer and has been studying dance for 10 years. Edith loves to travel and go skiing.



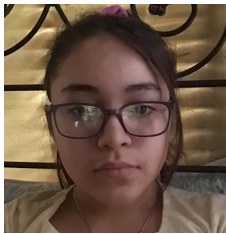
**Riley Uvena** (Riley) is a 7th grader at Finley Middle School. She is very excited to be playing Roger in this year's production of Bad Auditions On Camera! Riley enjoys acting so much and she would like to thank Mrs. Graber and Ms. Finneran for helping Riley and the cast put on an amazing production! We hope that you enjoy this year's production of Bad Auditions on Camera!!



**Sofia Van Arsdale** (Carmen) is playing the role of Carme. Sofia is so excited to be part of this play! In the past, Sofia has played many roles from Annie to Sebastian to Charlie and many more, but she has never played a role like this. Sofia wants to say thank you to her mom for pushing her to do this play, and to Mrs. Graber and Ms. Finneran for being so supportive to everyone!



**Lily Wasoski** (Georgie) is a student at Finley Middle School and is excited to be doing her first show here. Before coming to Finley, she was a student at St. Patrick's school. When not being involved with theatre, she enjoys hanging out with her friends and drawing doodles in her sketchbook.



**Madeline Yanes** (Popular Cast) is an 8th grader and attends Finley Middle School. This is Madeline's first time trying out for the Drama Club and had wanted to try something new. Outside of school, Madeline loves art, music, mud, and dirt.



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**To Heather and the whole cast:**

**Great job! Keep us laughing!**

**Love Mom, Dad, & Joey**

**To Heather:**

**So proud of you!**

**Love, Grandpa, & your aunts and  
uncles.**

**Caleb:**

**We are so proud of you!**

**Love, Mom, Celine &  
Caitlyn**

**Great singing Caleb!**

**Love, Nana**

**Caleb,**

**Wish I could be there.  
Keep on shining.**

**Love, Grandma**



**We are so proud of you and  
love you so much our beautiful  
granddaughter Josephine!**

**Love Maga and Pop Pop**

**Josie,  
You continue to amaze us with  
your talent, kind heart and  
gentle spirit. Always so proud  
of you!**

**Mom, Dad, & Lena**

**Josephine,**

**I love watching you grow as a  
performer! Keep following your  
dreams!**

**Love, Grandpa**

**Riley,  
We are so proud of you!  
Keep shining bright!**

**Love, Dad, Mom, Jack, +  
Belle**

**Way to go Vincenza! You  
make us so proud. We love  
you!**

**Love, Mamma and Papá**

**Congratulations, Michaela! I'm  
lucky to have you as my sister.**

**Love, Lauren**

**Michaela-**

**I am so proud of your hard work!  
You amaze me.**

**Love, Aunt Kerry**

**Michaela,**

**You fill our hearts with love.  
We're so proud of you.**

**Love, Grammy and Pappy**

**Michaela,**

**May you continue to shine and be  
the star I know you are!**

**Love always, Mommy**

**To my girl Sofia Van Arsdale:**

**You continually make me proud!**

**I love you, Mommy**

**I love you Fia-lia! You never cease to amaze me!**

**--Michael**

**Don't miss Maya Akerman tonight, in her stellar role as an incredible casting director!**

**- Mama y Papa.**

**Maya Akerman we love you and can't wait to see you on "virtual stage" tonight!**

**- The whole family.**

**Congratulations dear Maya! We are really proud of your performance! You are amazing!**

**Titia, Gaia & Luca**

**Dear Maya,**

**I miss you so much and think of you every day.**

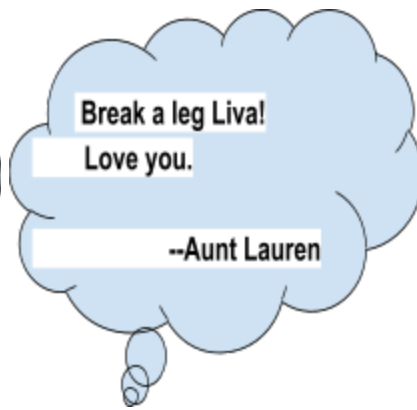
**- Love, Susy**

**Good luck Liva. We are rooting for you!**

**Love from  
Aunt Anne and Uncle Ken**

**So proud of you Liva! Hugs and kisses.**

**Love,  
Mom and Dad,  
Caleigh and Nova**



**Thank you for supporting our club!**



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