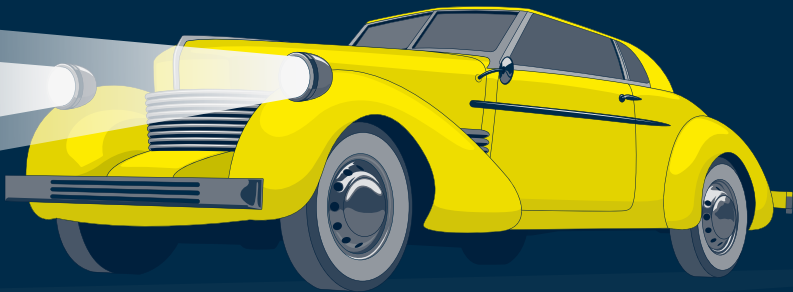


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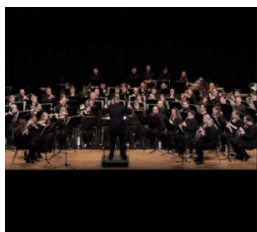
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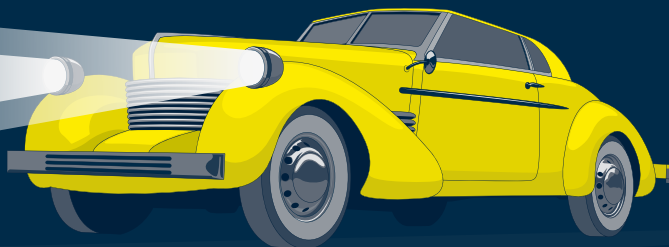
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Director's Note

The original 1925 publication of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* was a failure. It received mixed reviews by critics, it sold only 20,000 copies in its first six months, and Fitzgerald died in 1940 believing the book would disappear.

Fitzgerald's death brought a rebirth for the novel, however, as readers viewed his story of 1920s excess and ambition through the practical, resilient eyes of a generation that faced the Great Depression and another world war. In 1942 *Gatsby* was selected by the Council on Books in Wartime, who sent 155,000 editions to troops in combat, where it became very popular. By the 1960s, it was selling 50,000 copies annually and became a standard in literature classes worldwide. Today a half million copies are sold each year.

Adapting an iconic novel for the stage must have been a daunting task for playwright Simon Levy, especially knowing that most older teens and adults in the audience are familiar with the book or its two highly successful movie adaptations. We feel that pressure tonight too! The American literature teacher in me has had lots of discussions with the theatre director in me about everything that's here, everything that's different, and everything that's missing. You may have also come in with your own interpretations and images in mind!

In the end, I feel confident in saying that what we share with you tonight will be both familiar and new. If you're a *Gatsby* superfan like me, I hope you'll enjoy seeing how creativity and storytelling can bring words to life in a way that only theatre can. We are all so proud of this production, and we are grateful you are here to support the students of CHS Theatre as they continue to grow, seek new challenges, and use the art of theatre to reflect our world.

Jason Hamen

Director of Theatre Programming

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The Great Gatsby Cast

In order of appearance

Nyle Atiq*	Nick Carraway
Amanda Kingrey*	Daisy Buchanan
Jilyan Wilson	Jordan Baker
Hayden Carabell	Tom Buchanan
Max Smith	George Wilson
Emma Purnhagen*	Myrtle Wilson
Gabriel Reker*	Chester McKee
Calla Boerger	Mrs. McKee
Aiden Reiman	Jay Gatsby
William Finnell*	Meyer Wolfsheim
Joseph Ealy	Policeman
Sarah Kress*	Mrs. Michaelis

Ensemble

Calla Boerger, Joseph Ealy, William Finnell, Mia Fry, Johanna James,
Sarah Kress*, Gabriel Reker*, Jessica Stoehr

Understudy Cast

William Schnell: Nick Carraway; **Geneva Grodner:** Daisy Buchanan;
Gracie Wilkens: Jordan Baker; **Samuel Bowman:** Tom Buchanan;
Lucy Fulkerson: George Wilson; **Josie Astahoff:** Myrtle Wilson;
Connor Jones: Jay Gatsby; **Daria Cobb:** Swing 1 (Wolfsheim, Mr. McKee,
Policeman); **Cora Tanner:** Swing 2 (Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Michaelis)

*Indicates membership in Thespian Troupe 2204

Costume Crew

Florence Black-Brown, Sareena Brar, Val Burns, Lindy Collings, Lindsey Ellzey, Alyvia Gradel, Likitashree Kanakala, Blaike Kash, Sharon King, Soren Leamon, Isaac Marin, Larkin Sather, Brianna Sipple, Claire Spychalski

Set Crew

Caelyn Bird, Aaron Bowman, Lillian Brewer, Jaden Bunger*, Emma Churby, Lyena Clark, Ellis Coalson, Corey Coogan*, Ian Davis, John Ebel, Josie Edwards, Miles Fuller, Keri Greanya*, Leo Gruenberg*, Olivia Holland, Navy Houtz, Sadie Huerta, Ainsley Ketter, Madison Landers, Kaylie Marin, Maximus Mash, Olivia Merriman, Andrew Parish, Max Pickrel*, Jaxon Rowe, Breanna Schmitt, Andrew Shampton, Hadley Spalding, Zach Sparks, Noal Stansifer, Nora Watring

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Production Staff

Director	Mr. Jason Hamen*
Technical Director	Mr. Mike Cordonnier*
Scenic Designer	Mr. Mike Cordonnier*
Costume Designer	Ms. Briley Lambert
Lighting Designer	Mr. Caleb Russell*
Sound Designer	Mr. Brian Morgan*
House Manager	Mr. Wayne Kledzik
PAC Manager	Mr. Brian Morgan*
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Jan Kledzik*
Stage Manager	Kayla Barnes*
Assistant Directors	Tye Roy, Sydney Korpusik
Choreographer	Sydney Korpusik
Assistant Stage Managers	Marissa HoShue*, Jaiden Pinchot
Costume Shop Manager	Sareena Brar
Wardrobe Supervisor	Claire Spychalski
Scene Shop Manager	Max Pickrel*
Primary Carpenter	Corey Coogan*
Prop Managers	Sadie Huerta, Andrew Shampton
Scenic Charge	Caelyn Bird
Lighting/Sound Assistant	Tye Roy
Dance Captain	Sarah Kress*

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The Great Gatsby Scenes

SCENES

Prologue

The Buchanans

The Valley of the Ashes

The Invitation

The Hydroplane

The Most Popular Girl in Louisville

The Last Party

The Hotel

The Accident

The Aftermath

The Great Gatsby is presented without an intermission.



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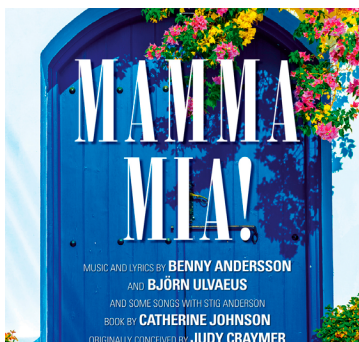
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Biographies

F. Scott Fitzgerald (*Novelist*) was born in St. Paul Minnesota, in 1896 and attended Princeton University. He was a major new literary voice whose novels *This Side of Paradise*, *The Beautiful and Damned*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Tender is the Night* - made him one of the most famous writers of his time. He died of a heart attack in 1940 at the age of forty-four. For his sharp social insights and pitch-perfect lyricism, Fitzgerald stands out as one of the most important American writers of the twentieth century.

Simon Levy (*Playwright*) is the Producing Director for the Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles where he's been a resident playwright, director, and producer since 1993. His stage adaptation of *The Great Gatsby*, a Finalist for the PEN Literary Award in Drama, completes his Fitzgerald Trilogy, which includes *Tender is the Night*, Winner of the PEN Literary Award in Drama, and *The Last Tycoon*, winner of numerous awards and nominated for the prestigious Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Ted Schmitt Award for Original Play. He recently completed a new adaptation/translation of Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People: A New Version for the 21st Century*. He's writing a new play, *The Canary*, as well as a young adult novel based on the story of Tristan and Iseult. His stage adaptation of Eliot Weinberger's celebrated article, "What I Heard About Iraq", was produced worldwide, including the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where it won the Fringe First Award, the Adelaide Fringe Festival where it won the Fringe Award, was produced by BBC Radio, and received a 30-city UK tour culminating in London. His directing, writing, and producing credits and awards are numerous. He was recently honored with the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Milton Katselas Lifetime Achievement Award in Directing. Please visit www.simonlevy.com for more information. More information about *The Great Gatsby* can be found at: www.TheGreatGatsbyPlay.com



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Josie Astahoff (*u/s Myrtler*) is a senior and is thrilled to be in her third show at CHS! She has also participated in *Kodachrome* and *Radium Girls*. When she's not memorizing lines, studying, or filling out college applications, she spends time reading or crocheting! She would like to thank her mom for her unending support and her fellow cast members for being amazing.

Nyle Atiq* (*Nick Carraway*) is a senior and excited to be returning for another show at Centerville High School. You may have seen him as Mortimer in *Arsenic and Old Lace* or as Tom in *Radium Girls*. While not on stage, Nyle enjoys playing with his lovely dog, Lulu, and being quite bad at video games. He would like to thank his family, friends, and dog for supporting him and helping him grow into the person he is.

Kayla Barnes* (*Stage Manager*) is a senior and is thrilled for her fifth show with Centerville High School Theatre. She is a part of the Environmental Science block program, which is one of her favorite classes at school. Although she loves science, she is planning on going into animation as a career. Kayla would like to thank Mason who convinced her to participate in theatre her junior year. She's so glad she has the opportunity to stage manage for *The Great Gatsby* and is excited for the next show.

Caelyn Bird (*Scenic Charge*) is a sophomore and is excited to be participating in her fifth show at CHS! Her favorite show to participate in was *Tuck Everlasting* with *Curtains* as a close second. Caelyn enjoys doing anything artistic and loves to bake and cook. She wants to thank her best friend Key for being such a great senior last year and Marissa for always being there for her.

Calla Boerger (*Mrs. McKee, Ensemble*) is a senior and is excited to perform in her third show at CHS! Calla also participates in other activities at CHS, including marching band, and Wind Symphony. Calla would like to thank her family, teachers, and friends for supporting her performing arts journey!

Samuel Bowman (*u/s Tom Buchanan*) is a junior, and this is his fifth show at Centerville High School. He wishes to thank his friends for being very supportive and his family for also being supportive and helping him out with things. He also hopes that the audience knows that he does not agree with what Tom says in this show.

Sareena Brar (*Costume Shop Manager*) is a junior and is very excited to participate in her second show at CHS! Sareena would like to pursue fashion design in the future to continue her love for costuming! She would like to thank all her fellow costumers for always being so helpful and supportive at all times.

Biographies *(continued)*

Hayden Carabell (*Tom Buchanan*) is a junior and excited to be in his first show as an overstudy in the CHS Theatre program. Hayden wants to thank everybody for coming to the shows!

Darla Cobb (*Swing 1*) is a freshman and super duper excited to be in her second show at CHS! Outside of theatre, she enjoys reading and listening to music. She would like to thank her best friend Abby Skababy for always being encouraging, her family for dealing with her noisy practicing, and the Myrtle Squad for always making rehearsals fun.

Corey Coogan* (*Primary Carpenter*) is a junior and has been involved in Centerville High School Theatre since his freshman year. He was in the cast of one musical and participated in set build for 7 shows so far. His favorite show that we have done is *Radium Girls*. He would like to thank Mr. C and Mr. Morgan for making the technical side of our theatre department what it is today. Enjoy the show!

Joseph Ealey (*Policeman, Ensemble*) is a sophomore ready to be in his second show at CHS! His favorite shows are *Dear Evan Hanson* and *Beetlejuice*. He thanks everyone around him for this opportunity!

William Finnell* (*Meyer Wolfsheim, Ensemble*) is a junior at CHS, and is excited to participate in another show with his fellow actors, and tech crew. He'd like to thank his family for supporting him.

Mia Fry (*Ensemble*) is a junior and thrilled to be a part of her third show with CHS Theatre and first time acting! Her favorite show she participated in was *Radium Girls*. In her free time she does cross country, track, diving, and rock climbing with her sister. She would like to thank Mr. C and Mr. Hamen for teaching her so much about theatre and her sister for always supporting her.

Lucy Fulkerson (*u/s George Wilson*) is very excited for her second theatre production! She enjoys drawing, painting, and reading. She'd like to thank her family for supporting her and the people of CHS Theatre for making it a positive environment to be a part of, especially for a freshman like herself.

Geneva Grodner (*u/s Daisy Buchanan*) is a sophomore excited to participate in her first show with CHS. She plans on pursuing theatre with CHS in the future. She wishes to thank Mr. Hamen (director) for giving her the opportunity to pursue her passion as well as the cast for making her feel comfortable and welcome for her first show.

Biographies *(continued)*

Marissa HoShue* (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a junior and is very excited to work with the cast during this show. Previously she participated in set build, as a part of run crew for 6 shows, as well as held other leadership positions such as Prop Manger and Primary Carpenter. Some of her favorite shows at Centerville have been *Clue* and *Cinderella*. She would like to thank all the staff that work so hard to make these shows a success and her rabbit, Lacookie, for being her motivation and confidant.

Sadie Huerta (*Props Manager*) is a freshman taking part in their second show at CHS. Having taken the Theatre 1 course at CHS Sadie is growing their knowledge and experience in the theatre industry. Starting their journey through theatre in middle school with set design and spotlights during Magsig Middle School's musical production of *Rock of Ages* sparked a number of interests in the world of theatre. Now as the spotlight shines at us, welcome to the theatre, the show's starting, it's showtime!

Johanna James (*Ensemble*) is a senior this year and is happy to be in her second show at CHS. Her favorite role was Vinnie in *Life With Father*, where she and her partner, Drew, spent most days memorizing lines in the park. Johanna loves coffee and going to the grocery for nondescript quests. She would like to thank her mom for believing in her.

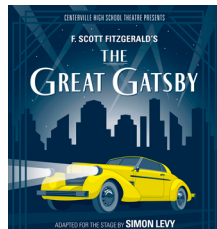
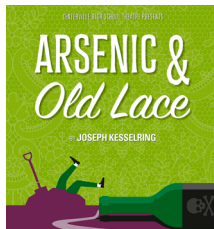
Connor Jones (*u/s Jay Gatsby*) is a freshman and is nervous to be trying his first show for CHS Theatre and its community but plans to give it everything he has! He enjoys watching movies and is a part of the CHS wheelchair basketball team. He has no true clue what lies in front of him for his future, but Connor plans to do his best! He wishes to thank his friends, coach and his director for being flexible with his schedule this past month leading up to the show.

Amanda Kingrey* (*Daisy Buchanan*) is a senior at CHS and is thrilled to be participating in her 11th production at the high school. Some of her favorite roles include playing Georgia Hendricks in *Curtains*, Winnie Foster in *Tuck Everlasting*, and Ella in *Cinderella*. Amanda is president of CHS Theatre's S.T.A.G.E club and is an officer on the varsity Speech and Debate team. When she isn't performing Amanda loves listening to podcasts, studying history, and cuddling with her dogs Henry and Boba. Amanda would like to thank Becky Barrett-Jones and Alan Bomar Jones for their continued guidance as well as her family for their loving support.

In addition to what you see on stage, CHS offers several theatre classes: Introduction to Theatre, Advanced Theatre Arts, Advanced Acting & Directing, and a career education technical theatre program, which provides support for events in the Performing Arts Center throughout the year.

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Sydney Korpusik* (*Choreographer/Assistant Director*) is a senior and is excited to be participating behind the scenes in this year's winter play. Some of Sydney's favorite shows she's been in at CHS are *Tuck Everlasting* and *Curtains!* Next year, Sydney plans on studying musical theatre in college. She wants to thank everyone who has helped her along the way and her cat for helping her choreograph the show.

Sarah Kress (*Mrs. Michaelis, Ensemble, Dance Captain*) is a junior and is excited to be participating in her sixth show at CHS! When Sarah is not doing theatre, she participates in color guard with Centerville Jazz Band and CHS Symphonic Choir. Sarah would like to thank her family, friends, and the whole company for the support and effort put into this incredible show.

Max Pickrel* (*Scene Shop Manager*) is a junior and will be participating in his 8th show at CHS. Max has held numerous other leadership roles in the past and is elated to be scene shop manager for *The Great Gatsby*, but he wouldn't have gotten here without the help of a few great people, especially Mr. C. Max can't wait to see what the CHS Theatre program has in store for him next!

Jaiden Pinchot (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a freshman and is excited to participate in his first show here at CHS! Outside of CHS Theatre, Jaiden likes participating in the summer musicals at Epiphany Lutheran Church. He'd like to thank his parents, his sister Cami and his brother Jackson for always being there for him and always giving support when needed.

Emma Purnhagen* (*Myrtle Wilson*) is a senior and is thrilled to be participating in her 24th show and her 10th with CHS Theatre. Some of her past favorite shows at Centerville include *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Abby Brewster), *Clue* (Miss Scarlet), and *Kodachrome* (Photographer). In her free time she enjoys reading, singing, and painting. She would like to thank her family and friends for continuing to support her.

Gabriel Reker* (*Chester McKee, Ensemble*) is a junior performing in his third show at Centerville High School. He has been in the cast of *Radium Girls* and the understudy cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. He is excited to be a part of *The Great Gatsby*. He'd like to thank all his family and friends for being extremely supportive on his theatre journey thus far.

Biographies *(continued)*

Aiden Reiman (*Jay Gatsby*) is a sophomore excited to be participating in his third show at CHS Theater. One of his favorite shows he has participated in at CHS is *Arsenic and Old Lace*, where he played Jonathan Brewster. He would also like to thank all the members of the CHS cast and crew for helping to make such an amazing show.

Tye Roy* (*Assistant Director/Lighting Assistant*) is a junior and is excited to be participating in his fifth show at CHS! Some of his favorite shows include *Come From Away*, *Hadestown*, and *Radium Girls*. Tye is a part of the Technical Theatre Program, Advanced Acting and Directing, and the choir program here at CHS. He wants to thank his friends and family for supporting him throughout the making of this show.

William Schnell (*u/s Nick Carraway*) is a senior performing his first show at CHS. Outside of theatre, William plays saxophone and is self-teaching Russian as he wants to study linguistics in college. He's incredibly grateful to be in a lead role and is proud of all the amazing work that has gone into this. Finally, he'd like to thank the stage managers and directors for keeping him in line as he's still getting the hang of this new and exciting experience.

Andrew Shampton (*Prop Manger*) is a junior and has participated in four previous shows. His favorite CHS Theatre show is *Radium Girls*. Andrew would like to thank his parents for getting him interested in theatre, his amazing friends for making this community a fun place, and Mr. Hamen and Mr. C for making this show possible.

Max Smith (*George Wilson*) is a junior and is really excited to be a part of the cast for his 8th show at CHS. He thoroughly enjoyed playing Teddy Brewster in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. He is very grateful for how far he's come during his high school career.

Claire Spychalski (*Wardrobe Supervisor*) is a junior at Centerville High School. She has participated in four shows since her freshman year, her favorite show being at CHS was *Tuck Everlasting*. Her favorite part about participating in CHS Theatre is watching all the different pieces of the show being brought to life on stage. A show that she wants to see is *Six: The Musical*. Outside of theatre, Claire spends her time hanging out with her friends and family and reading.

Jessica Stoehr (*Ensemble*) is a junior and very grateful to be in this show. She was last seen on the CHS stage as understudy Abby for *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Over the summer, she was the stage manager for *Children of Eden* at Epiphany Lutheran Church. She just finished being the ASM for *A Christmas Yarn* at Epiphany.

Biographies *(continued)*

Along with performing on stage this year she also has the incredible opportunity to be the Ohio southwest student thespian officer. She can't wait to grow and learn as a student of the arts this 23-24 season!

Cora Tanner (*Swing 2*) is a freshman this year! She is entirely new to the CHS Theatre program and thrilled to be a part of her first show. A few of her favorite musicals are *La La Land*, *West Side Story*, and *Tick, Tick... Boom!* She'd like to thank her friends for encouraging her to audition

Gracie Wilkens (*u/s Jordan Baker*) is a senior and is over the moon to be in her third production here at CHS! You might have seen her as understudy Martha Brewster (*Arsenic and Old Lace*) or running the microphones for *Tuck Everlasting*. She has also performed in productions at Town Hall Theatre and was Winifred Banks (*Mary Poppins Jr.*) and the March Hare (*Dorothy in Wonderland*). In her free time, she loves to read, spend time with friends and family, and sing. She plans to go to the University of Dayton to study early childhood education this fall!

Jilyan Wilson (*Jordon Baker*) is thrilled to be performing in *The Great Gatsby* during her senior year at CHS. She has been involved in previous CHS Theatre shows (*Kodachrome*, *Radium Girls*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*). However, she is especially ecstatic about this show as this will be Jilyan's first time playing a single character in an overstudy position. She will be attending Rochester Institution of Technology this year and will be majoring in game design and development. Jilyan wishes to thank her parents and friends for their ongoing and ever-loving support.



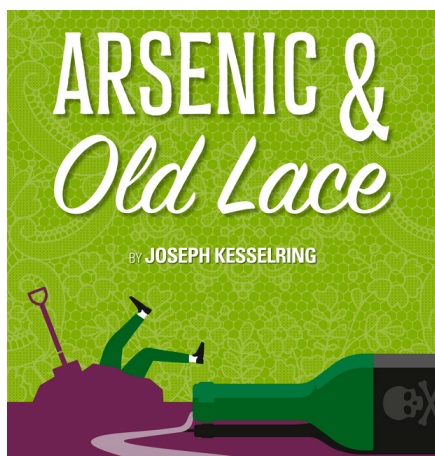
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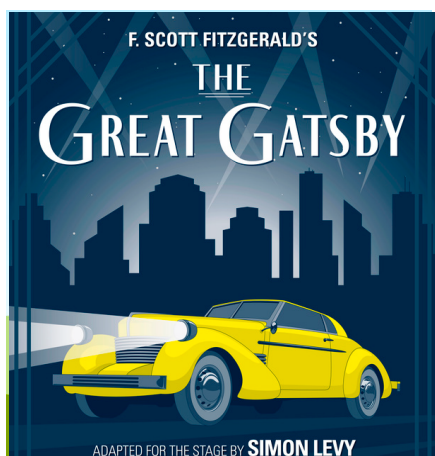
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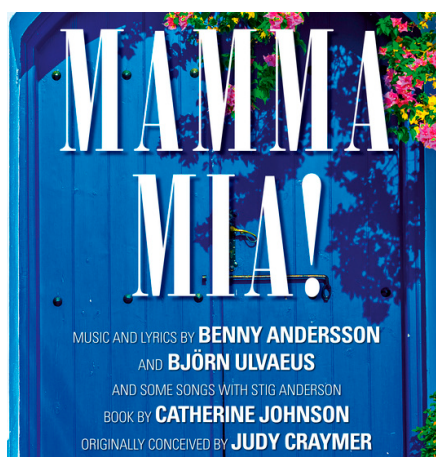
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