

HAMMOND THEATRE PRESENTS

All I Really Need
to Know I Learned
in Kindergarten

Based on the books by Robert Fulghum.
Conceived and adapted by Ernest Zulia.

Music and Lyrics
by David Caldwell



November 17-19, 2022

Directors' Notes

Even those stories that are not based in truth reveal truths about human nature that we are better for hearing. True story. True story. True story.

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten isn't a traditional play; it's an examination of the extraordinary within the ordinary through storytelling, monologues, scenes, and song. We don't have a fancy set or intricate costumes, we have our imaginations and we hope you brought yours along for the next two hours. We don't even technically have a stage, but we have an audience, a story worth telling, and the people to share it, and for that we are grateful. Not everything in this play is true, but many of the plot points are rooted in facts found in the news or those from Robert Fulgum's life.

I would like to dedicate this show to the seniors who have been with me since their freshman year (it was definitely one to remember!). Matthew, Julia, Carter, Gertie, Gabriel, Megan and Kennedy: your perseverance and collaboration have truly inspired me and I am thankful for all you've taught me from our "One Normal Night" of Addams Family to this sweet Kindergarten classroom. While we may not love living through the renovation and having to do without our auditorium for a bit, it's certainly better than virtual school!

Theatre is derived from a Greek word, theatron, which literally translates to "the seeing place." Fulgum concludes his Kindergarten creed with the command "to look." I hope our little show allows you to see the world around you with a fresh perspective.

Thank you for coming to our performance and we hope to see you for the musical March 16-18, 2023 (it's a little show about the transformational power of love with some talking objects thrown in for good measure).

- Lauren Tobiason

Acknowledgments

We would also like to thank:

- Jennifer Somerville for sign language assistance
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- Jonathan Hawkins for technical assistance
- Naima Wolfe for head shot photography
- Pat Burns for rehearsal photography
- Alison Dodge for volunteer coordination
- Jennifer Goldberg for Candygram assistance
- Carlos Williams and the custodial team for wonderful building support
- Administration for their support and problem solving prowess

In consideration of the performers and the audience, cell phone use and flash photography during the performance are prohibited. No food or drink is allowed in the auditorium (water is acceptable).

Please turn off all cell phones prior to the start of the show!

Production Team

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER | Mrs. Lauren Tobiason

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR | Mr. Donald Chiarella

ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | Mr. Pat Burns

LIGHTING CONSULTATION | Mr. TJ Lukacsina

STAGE MANAGER | Carter Rakestraw

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | Matthew Dietrich

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS | Megan Martin, Jacque Somerville

ACTING COACH | Kennedy Grant

Act I

Yes! Of Course I Can!: Ensemble

Cinderella: Ensemble

Hide and Seek: Jenna Dodge & Ensemble

Larry Walters Flies: Gertie Vance, Gabriel Porter, Michael Steinberg, Shuvai Chivanga

The Solomon Islands: Julia Steinberg

Beethoven: Sebastian Hurt, Matthew Dietrich

Donnie the Leaf Raker: Rin Goodlin, Deborah Asomuyide

Stuff in the Sink: Gertie Vance, Kemi Osamiluyi, Shuvai Chivanga, Alex Finger, Michael Steinberg

Problems and Inconveniences: Sebastian Hurt, Cameron Cole, Julia Steinberg

Reflect the Light: Jenna Dodge & Ensemble

- 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

Act II

Uh Oh: Ensemble

Spider: Kemi Osamiluyi, Cameron Cole, Shuvai Chivanga, Michael Steinberg, Deborah Asomuyide

MOTB: Deborah Asomuyide, Rin Goodlin, Julia Steinberg, Kayleigh MacLean, Zofie Blair

Father & Sons: Alex Finger, Gabriel Porter, Michael Steinberg

Howard: Julia Steinberg, Matthew Dietrich

Christmas/Valentine's Day: Kayleigh MacLean, Rin Goodlin, Noah Wainwright, Julianna Maxa

A Tomb With A View: Gertie Vance

Are there Any Questions?: Ensemble

Produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois.

The Cast

Deborah Asomuyide

Zofia Blair

Shuvai Chivanga

Cameron Cole

Jenna Dodge

Alex Finger

Rin Goodlin

Sebastian Hurt

Evelyn Kirk

Kayleigh MacLean

Julianna Maxa

Kemi Osamiluyi

Gabriel Porter

Julia Steinberg

Michael Steinberg

Gertie Vance

Noah Wainwright

Edwin Walker

The Crew

Sound

Naima Wolfe - Sound Designer*

Sophia Tran - Asst. Sound Designer*

Anika Alston*

Nico Salvia

Riley Woodward

Lights

Bert Roberts IV - Lighting Designer*

Bryan Anglin*

Rayna Hasan

Dylan Kelly

Jacob Kelly

Camron Padmore*

Construction/Paint

Ayla Kickhofel - Props Master*

Amber Proctor - Technical Assistant*

Julia Abernethy

Stephanie Aviles

Madelyn Berkowitz

Willow Biggs

Ashley Bokal

Bryan Chinchilla

Briley Clark

Nigel Cooper

Abby Del Favero

Brianna Dunn

Faith Lamb

Grey Linzey*

Cecilia Norgren

Jay Ogrin

Lynn Phillips

Andrea Ramirez Mejia

Oji-Abiodun Sharon

Samantha Sharp

Anna Sherrell

Annika Vallurupalli

*denotes Running Crew

Biographies

DEBORAH ASOMUYIDE (Actor) is a sophomore at Hammond and this is her third Hammond show. She loves acting and plans to participate in all Hammond productions. She hopes you enjoy the show.

ZOFIE BLAIR (Actor) is so excited to be performing in her third play. She has been in Annie Jr., Into the Woods and this heart-filling production. This is a new challenge that she is so excited to perform.

SHUVAI CHIVANGA (Actor) is so excited to be an actor in the fall production this year! She has learned so much from the other actors and production, and she's proud of all the progress they've made together.

CAMERON COLE (Actor) is a junior at Hammond. They enjoy running for Hammond Cross Country and they hope you enjoy the show!

MATTHEW DIETRICH (Asst. Director & Narrator) a senior, is proud to be performing in his final play at Hammond. He has been performing since his freshman year, in and outside of school, and has truly enjoyed all of the experiences he has had. Specifically, he would like to thank Mrs. Tobiason for this opportunity, as well as the cast for assisting him through this process.

JENNA DODGE (Actor) is a sophomore seen in Hammond's productions of Freaky Friday (Ellie) and The Curious Savage (Mrs. Savage) would like to thank the production team for their hard work on this show.

ALEX FINGER (Actor) is excited to work on this production. He enjoys reading, writing, and playing video games. He loves his family to no end and is excited for his last two years!

RIN GOODLIN (Actor) is excited to be in their second Hammond production, previously featured in The Curious Savage. They love getting to work and know everyone in the cast & crew.

KENNEDY GRANT (Acting Coach) is a senior at Hammond and has been spending time off the stage in the production team for this year's fall play. Her past performances include *The Curious Savage* and *Chicago*. She is most grateful for the opportunity to see the actors' growth throughout this beautiful process. She would like to thank Mrs. Tobiason for allowing her opportunity to collaborate on this show and grow her love for the theatre arts.

SEBASTIAN HURT (Actor) is overjoyed to be acting in his third production at Hammond. He loves getting to perform powerful, intelligent work like this almost as much as making a fool of himself while improvising.

AYLA KICKHOFEL (Props Master) is happy and excited to be working on her third Hammond production. She enjoys reading, playing field hockey, and watching TV.

EVELYN KIRK (Actor) has always loved acting, now is their time to be in the spotlight!

KAYLEIGH MACLEAN (Actor) is a junior at Hammond High School. She is so thankful to be in this production and to be a part of such a wonderful theatre community!

MEGAN MARTIN (Asst. Stage Manager) is enthused to work on another Hammond production, and is always slaying constantly.

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JULIANNA MAXA (Actor) is excited to do another Hammond theatre production. She would like to thank everyone involved.

KEMI OSAMILUYI (Actor) is a freshman at Hammond High School, this is her first theatre production at Hammond. In her free time, you can find her writing stories and listening to music. She hopes that everyone enjoys the play!

GABRIEL PORTER (Actor) is a senior and excited to be a part of his final play at Hammond High School. He has been involved with the Hammond Theatre Department since freshman year. He is excited for everyone to see this amazing play and thanks every single member involved in the production. He is grateful to have been a part of this family, and hopes you enjoy the show!

AMBER PROCTOR (Technical Asst.) is very excited to be working on her first production with Hammond High School! In her spare time she enjoys listening to music and painting her nails.

CARTER RAKESTRAW (Stage Manager) "Yes, words are useless! Gobble-gobble-gobble-gobble-gobble! Too much of it, darling, too much! That is why I show you my work! That is why you are here!" - Edna E. Mode

BERT ROBERTS (Lighting Designer) is a sophomore, and is thrilled to work the light board for a second time at Hammond! He enjoys working with the department and helping behind the scenes.

JACQUIE SOMERVILLE (Asst. Stage Manager) is very excited to be working on the show. It is her second year in the Theatre Department at Hammond.

JULIA STEINBERG (Actor) is excited to be in her 6th Hammond production as a senior. Starting fall of her freshman year, she has explored every avenue of theatre she could, and she is grateful for the inclusive and supportive environment the department has always created. She hopes you enjoy the show!

MICHAEL STEINBERG (Actor) is a freshman and is excited to be in his first Hammond production. He's always supported Hammond Theatre and looks forward to performing with this amazing cast.

SOPHIA TRAN (Asst. Sound Designer) is the brains behind sound crew, even if Naima says otherwise. She enjoys doing tech and hopes to continue for all four years.

GERTIE VANCE (Actor) is a Senior and this is her fifth production with Hammond. You may have seen her last year as Fairy May in *The Curious Savage* or as Fletcher in *Freaky Friday*. She would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her, as well as this incredible cast and crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!

NOAH WAINWRIGHT (Actor) is excited to be performing in this production. Noah loves acting. He loves acting and hopes to hone his skills and star in a movie one day.

EDWIN WALKER (Actor) can't wait until people get to see this play starring him and his fellow thespians. After doing this production he hopes to get roles in other upcoming projects in and out of school in the future.

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NAIMA WOLFE (Sound Designer) is a senior at Hammond this year. This is her second year working with the theatre department and she has loved every minute of it. She is so excited for this year's play and can't wait to see how it goes.

CandyGrams

The sweetest way to say congratulations to a member of the cast or crew is with a CandyGram! Your candy will be delivered with your personalized note during intermission.

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Upcoming Events

- SPRING MUSICAL -

A MUSICAL ABOUT THE
TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER
OF LOVE

(all forms will be on the website by November 21)

AUDITIONS

November 30 - December 5

PERFORMANCES

March 16-18 at 7pm, March 18 at 2pm

- NYC TRIP TO SEE *CHICAGO* -

March 31





**Ask me about
June 1st, 2023**



**Congratulations Gertie!
We're your biggest fans!
- Mom, Dad, Abbie, Maggie, Kat**



**Dear Kemi,
We are so proud of you. You are a Superstar!
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Temi**

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