BLACK

COMEDY

By Peter Shaffer

September
26th, 27th, & 28th
2019
at 7PM

WPI Little Theatre
A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for coming tonight. It has been a long journey bringing Black Comedy to the stage, and no part can I say more integral than the dedication and hard work of every person working on this show. I would also like to thank the Drama/Theatre department for their continuous support (Pat, Despoina, and others). The knowledge you have brought to the students has been unprecedented, and Masque as a whole has grown so much because of it.

Thank you to the actors. There is nothing more rewarding than a rehearsal process that is thoughtful, a whole lot of fun, and showcases those who take their work very seriously. I leave you once again with that Roger Ebert quote: “Nothing is more fatal than an actor signaling that material is funny. That’s for us to decide. To the character, it’s his life, and there’s nothing funny about it.” Break a leg! You deserve this!

What I love about A term is the opportunity for new faces to become involved in something that is so dear to me and many others at WPI. In times of stress, we turn to art to see how life could be, or perhaps as a way of reflecting on who we inevitably are.

I do not say inevitably lightly. If anything, Black Comedy shows us that the person we are will always come to the surface. All of these characters face an internal dilemma that brings the show to a climax that is both urgent and wholeheartedly true. I think of myself and the person I was my freshman year, and how inevitably I have grown into the person I am today. That person shouldn’t be something we attempt to hide amongst the dark, as Brindsley tries so desperately to do. What is hiding who we are from others but a form of self-hatred we harbor within ourselves?

Thank you for coming to see our telling of this silly, thoughtful play. I hope you feel the same joy during this performance as what we’ve felt creating it for you.

Olivia Lattanzi
Director, Black Comedy

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer
Madelyn Milsark
Assistant Producer
Jenna Charron
Director
Olivia Lattanzi
Stage Manager
Catherine Masiello
Assistant Stage Manager
Megan Aloise
SQUAD Liaison
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Assistant SQUAD Liaison
Katharine Edel

ACTORS

Brindsley Miller
James Junker
Carol Melkett
Leah Steigerwald
Miss Furnival
Anna Shi
Colonel Melkett
Charlie Snow
Harold Goring
Spencer Francis
Schuppanzigh
Marcus Chalmers
Clea
Carlisle Ferguson
George Bamberger
Alex Jozitis

DRAMA/THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Director of Drama/Theatre
Despoina Giapoudzi
Director of Technical Theatre
Patrick Crowe
Peer Learning Assistant &
Resource Librarian
Kyra Bresnahan
**DESIGNERS**

Scenic Designer  
John Do

Lighting Designer  
Katherine Rosivach

Assistant Lighting Designer  
Kaitlyn Morrison

Sound Designer  
Jane Cohen

Props Master  
Leah Steigerwald

Costumes Masters  
Alia Brown & Maylee Gagnon

Graphic Designer  
Anna Shi

Hair and Makeup Specialist  
Lonna Neidig

**CREW HEADS**

Master Carpenter  
Chloe Melville

Master Carpenter  
Luca Ialongo

Scenic Art Team Manager  
Katharine Edel

Master Electrician  
Zahava Preil

Master Electrician  
Ryan Hanna

Sound Engineer  
Caitlin Enright

Publicity Manager  
Madison Brown

Asst. Publicity Manager  
Alexis Boyle

Greenroom Manager  
Helena Cohen

House Master  
Mason Kaye

**SCENIC ART TEAM**

Marina Spenciner, Minh Anh Kieu, Brigitte Lefebvre

**CREWS**

**SCENIC**

Hannah Miller, Isabella Ferrari Carrubba, Katie Stratton, Jane Cohen, Brigitte Lefebvre, Jenna Charron, Madelyn Milsark, Talya Feldman, Kaitlyn Morrison, Maylee Gagnon, Zahava Preil, Anna Shi, Maxwell LePage, Caleigh Waskowicz, Grant Ferguson, Erik Langberg, Charlie Snow, Matthew Haahr, Carlisle Ferguson, Natalie McClain, Nyoma Diamond, Caitlin Enright, Evelyn Dube, John Do, Gavin MacNeal, Catherine Masiello

**LIGHTS**

Nyoma Diamond, Carlisle Ferguson, Isabella Ferrari Carrubba, Matthew Haahr, David Martindale, Catherine Masiello, Natalie McClain, Jacob McManus, Joseph Salvato, Chyanne Sandoval-Williams, Charlie Snow, Marina Spenciner, Bella Vignola

**SCENIC ART**

Nyoma Diamond, Anne Lapsley, Julia Rasmussen, Natalie McClain, Joseph Salvato, Speros Perakis, William White, David Martindale, Jacob McManus, Luca Ialongo, Matthew Haahr

**HOUSE**

Rosa Bates, Speros Perakis, Sylvia Thomas, Natalie McClain, Matthew Haahr, Kyra Bresnahan, Kathryn Stovall, Emily Bendremer
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Advisor  Riky Hanlan

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Facilities Manager  Katharine Edel
Scenic Manager  Caitlin Enright
Sound & Projections Manager  Olivia Lattanzi
Asst. Facilities Manager  Kailyn Morrison

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VP Acting / Masquen
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Advisor  Despoina Giapoudzi

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WPI Office of the Registrar
WPI Office of the President
WPI Office of the Provost
WPI Facilities
WPI Library Café
WPI Student Activities Office
First Baptist Church

PLEASE NOTE

There is no food or drink allowed in the Little Theatre. Please make sure that all mobile devices are silenced and turned off during performances. Camera use is prohibited. Please also note that the Little Theatre is a smoke-free area. Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of House Manager.

For the safety of the audience and the actors, we ask that you stay clear of the aisles during performances.

“Black Comedy” is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company.
COMING SOON

Masque B-Term Show
Breaking the Code by Hugh Whitemore
Produced by Leah Steigerwald
Directed by Ben Schade & Mason Kaye
Nov. 21st-23rd @ 7pm in the Little Theatre

VOX C-Term Show
Show TBD
Exec TBD
Come to the voting meeting!

Student Comedy Productions
Gruellia Improv Show: Sept. 27th @ 8pm in Fuller Upper
Kilroy Show: Oct. 4th @ 8pm in Fuller Upper
Empty Set Show: Oct. 4th @ 9pm in Fuller Upper