

**Congratulations to the Drama Club seniors!**

Emma Alejandro  
Talia Glueck  
Phineas Horvath  
Beck Hume  
Allie Lesko

Maria Levina  
Samantha Milsted  
Kara Ovall  
Luca Scott

**Good luck! We'll miss you!**

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and the Zone 6 Teen Center, and the  
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the Drama Club during rehearsals for *Sea  
of Dreams*!

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HIGHLAND PARK DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

# SEA *of* DREAMS

STUDENT-WRITTEN PLAYS



**JUNE 1, 2025 AT 3:00 PM**

**HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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The Cast and Crew of

**Sea of Dreams: Student-Written Plays**

would like to give our heartfelt thanks to the following  
people for helping to make this show possible:

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Broadway experience, Tova went back to school and received her master's in Educational Theater from NYU. With her enthusiasm and love for theater and education, Tova founded Fresh Theatre Arts, an educational theatre company whose mission is to introduce, educate and encourage youth to participate in performing arts programming while strengthening their creativity, self-esteem, and social skills. This is Tova's 9th year as HP Drama's advisor, and she is so proud of the cast and crew of *Sea of Dreams*. Break legs!  
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has participated in the HPTC's *Heathers* (Ensemble) and *Mean Girls* (Ensemble), as well as many HPYTC productions, including *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), *The Lion King* (Nala), *Seussical* (Gertrude), and more. She would like to thank everyone in the drama club for being such an amazing community and working so hard. She would also like to thank her dad and Aster Marcus for helping her so much with writing.

**LUCA SCOTT** (Co-Director) is a senior at HPHS. He has participated in multiple productions with Fresh Theater Arts, including *The Prom* (Trent Oliver), *She Kills Monsters* (Chuck Biggs), *Mean Girls* (Kevin G), *Footloose* (Chuck Cranston), *Puffs* (Xavia Jones), *One Knight* (Writer/Director/Actor), *Newsies* (Romeo), *Channel Surfing* (Actor), and *Alice in Wonderland* (Red Queen). He also enjoys spending time playing music, writing poetry, and competitive swimming.

**CECILIA TANNER-RICCARDI** (Writer/Actor) is a sophomore at HPHS. This is her third year in the drama club, previously participating in *Newsies*, *Footloose*, *The Prom*, and *One Acts* 2024. In her free time, Cecilia can be found reading mounds of books, binge-watching *RuPaul's Drag Race*, or listening to music. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her and her dog Phoebe for sleeping on her lap.

**PARKER TAPPEN** (Actor) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. This is the ninth production she

has done with the HP drama club, previously working on *Newsies* (Set Design) and *Puffs* (Set Design). Parker enjoys listening to music and spending time with friends. She would like to thank all of the seniors for being so amazing but specifically she would like to shout out Sam Milsted for being such an amazing, supportive, loving friend to her. #loveyousam

**EMILY TAWIL** (Tech/Writer) is a junior at HPHS who has previously done 16 productions with the Drama Club, but this is her first year writing for *One Acts*, and she hopes everyone will enjoy her work. Emily would like to thank her actors for being amazing and hopes they will "break a leg"!!!

**LEILA WEINBERG** (Actor/Tech) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. Previously, she has participated in *The Prom*, *She Kills Monsters*, *Mean Girls*, *One Knight*, *Footloose*, *Puffs*, *Heathers*, and *Newsies*. She has also done multiple of the HPYTC shows. She enjoys listening to music and loudly singing along. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this an amazing experience.

**TOVA HALPERN** (Drama Club Advisor) has been a professional director and Theatre Arts educator for the past 20 years. Tova graduated with her B.A. in Theatre Arts from Rutgers University. After graduating from Rutgers, Tova went to work on Broadway at Richard Frankel Productions, producers of *Hairspray*, *Stomp* and *Young Frankenstein*. After gaining a true

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AVRIL ESPINAL CALDERON   MONTSERRAT GUERRA  
MADELEINE HARGREAVES   PHINEAS HORVATH   TESSA HUTTNER  
EVAN LEIZ   ALLIE LESKO   MARIA LEVINA   JOVAN LINDSEY  
ASTER MARCUS   RAYMOND MARTINEZ   KARA OVAL  
SURYA PATEL   CECILIA TANNER-RICCARDI   PARKER TAPPEN  
EMILY TAWIL   LEILA WEINBERG

Costume Coordination  
**JULIUS MCKENNA**

Lighting Design  
**RED AUGUSTINE**

Sound Design  
**JEREMIAH MOUSSA**

Property Design  
**BECK HUME**

Stage Manager  
**TALIA GLUECK**

Production Manager  
**MARIA LEVINA**

Technical Director/Producer  
**SAMANTHA MILSTED**

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Co-Directors  
**TALIA GLUECK & LUCA SCOTT**

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## PRODUCTION STAFF

Co-Directors..... TALIA GLUECK, LUCA SCOTT  
Technical Director/Producer..... SAMANTHA MILSTED  
Drama Club Advisor..... TOVA HALPERN  
Stage Manager..... TALIA GLUECK  
Production Manager..... MARIA LEVINA  
Stagehands..... ALYSSA ALEJANDRO,  
MONTSERRAT GUERRA,  
EVAN LIEZ, KARA OVALL,  
LEILA WEINBERG  
Head of Lighting Design..... RED AUGUSTINE  
Head of Sound Design..... JEREMIAH MOUSSA  
Prop Master..... BECK HUME  
Assistant Property Design..... MADELEINE HARGREAVES,  
ALLIE LESKO  
Head of Costume Coordination..... JULIUS MCKENNA  
Assistant Costume Coordination..... MADELEINE HARGREAVES,  
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in this great experience before it was too late!

**ASTER MARCUS** (Writer/Actor) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is their third production with the HP Drama Club, as he has worked on both *She Kills Monsters* (Set Design) and *The Prom* (Set Design). In their free time, Aster can be found staring at the river or finding materials for their next DIY project. They would like to thank their friends and family for being incredibly supportive throughout this year and performance as well as the cat they see occasionally while walking home.

**RAYMOND MARTINEZ III** (Writer/Actor) is a junior at Highland Park High School. This is his first show with the HP Drama Club. In his free time, Ray enjoys watching movies from his endless list. He's honored to be writing bookends, and hopes you have an amazing night and enjoy the show.

**JULIUS MCKENNA** (Head of Costumes/Writer) is a junior at HPHS. He has previously done 14 shows, including *Twelfth Night*, *The Prom*, *She Kills Monsters*, *Newsies*, and more. In his free time, Julius enjoys sewing and reading sci-fi books. He would like to thank his friends and family for putting up with his nonsense.

**SAMANTHA MILSTED** (Technical Director/Producer) is a senior at HPHS. This is her 14th and final production as a high schooler. Previous credits include *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Puffs*, *Footloose*, *Heathers*, *Mean Girls*,

*The Prom* and more. When not working with the Drama Club, Samantha spends her time having movie marathons and hanging out with friends. She is honored to have been the Drama Club's president and would like to thank all of her friends that she has made because of the club. Theater means the world to her, and she can't wait to continue working in theater as she goes off to college and beyond.

**JEREMIAH MOUSSA** (Head of Sound) is a junior at Highland Park High School. This is his 6th production with the High School Drama Club, previously participating in *The Prom* (Tenor/Bari saxophone, Bb/bass clarinet), *Footloose* (Tenor/Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet), *One Acts 2024* (Head of Sound), and more. Not only does he love band and playing his instruments, but he also enjoys participating in robotics, mathletes, and Rubik's Cubing club. He would like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Presty for allowing him to play in the pit this year!

**KARA OVALL** (Tech) is a senior at HPHS. She has previously participated in other productions such as *Alice In Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Footloose*, and *The Prom*. She likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. She would like to thank the Drama Club members for all their hard work to make this show happen.

**SURYA PATEL** (Writer/Actor) is a freshman at HPHS. This is her second show acting with the HPHS drama club, after acting in *The Prom* (Ensemble) and doing tech for *She Kills Monsters*. She

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performances. In their free time, they enjoy playing every instrument they can get their hands on. He would like to thank all the actors and techies for their hard work. <3

**BECK HUME** (Prop Master/Writer/Actor) is a senior at HPHS. He has previously acted in *Footloose* (Jeter) and *The Prom* (Nick), and he has participated in other HP Drama Club productions as a techie. You may find him smirking and giggling in the hallways of Highland Park High School. In his free time, he likes to bob his little head up and down to some chill, cool, fun tunes. He also likes to stare at his beautiful little face in the mirror. He wants to give a big thank you to his baby brother and each of his 'home boys' including Sophia Stephen, Luca Scott, and Mia Hidego.

**TESSA HUTTNER** (Actor) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. This is her seventh production, previously participating in HP Drama Club's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Egeus/Lion), *Newsies* (Elmer/Hannah), the HPTC's *Heathers* (Young Republicanette), *Footloose* (Ensemble), One Acts 2024, and *The Prom* (Sheldon Saperstein). Outside of performing arts, Tessa likes to play soccer and listen to music. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her and everyone in the cast and crew for making this show happen!

**EVAN LEIZ** (Actor/Tech) is a junior at HPHS. This is his ninth show with the HP Drama Club, having previously participated in *The Prom*, *She Kills*

*Monsters*, *Footloose*, and more. Evan would like to thank all the directors and cast in the drama club for making such an amazing show.

**ALLIE LESKO** (Writer/Tech) is a senior at HPHS. This is her third show, having previously done One Acts 2024 (Writer/Director) and *She Kills Monsters* (Props). Allie enjoys making art and reading books in her free time. She would like to thank her friends for being supportive.

**MARIA LEVINA** (Actor) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is her fourth year in the HP Drama Club. She has been in *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, One Acts 2023, *Newsies*, *Puffs*, *Footloose*, One Acts 2024, *She Kills Monsters*, and *The Prom*. Before joining the Drama Club, she participated in seven shows with the HPYTC. Maria would like to thank her wonderful directors, the cast members, and the amazing crew members who put the show together. Lastly, thank YOU for watching!!!

**JOVAN LINDSEY** (Actor) is a junior at Highland Park High School. He has been in six shows since joining the Drama Club. His theater debut was *Puffs* (Blondo/Professor Lanny/Anthony/Death Buddy/SS Security). He's also been in *The Prom* (Mr. Hawkins), *Footloose* (Travis), and One Acts 2024 (several different characters). He enjoys music of all kinds, fashion, pop culture, and many different genres of TV shows and movies. He would like to thank himself for building up the courage to take part

# PLAYS

Title	Writer/Director
Bookends: Part 1.....	RAYMOND MARTINEZ
Take a Trip.....	EMMA ALEJANDRO
Oh, Kevin!.....	PHINEAS HORVATH
Try Again.....	SURYA PATEL
Sleeping With The...Squids?.....	JULIUS MCKENNA
Bookends: Part 2.....	RAYMOND MARTINEZ

## 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

Bookends: Part 3.....	RAYMOND MARTINEZ
The Haunting of The Hemlocks.....	BECK HUME, ALLIE LESKO
Will You Be There?.....	EMILY TAWIL
Sea Glass.....	BECK HUME
Conch Shell.....	ASTER MARCUS
A Whale of a Time.....	CECILIA TANNER-RICCARDI
Bookends: Part 4.....	RAYMOND MARTINEZ



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## Bookends

**Writer & Director**  
Raymond Martinez

An arrogant child believes the sea isn't as grand as her wise grandfather explains.

### Cast

Child..... PARKER TAPPEN  
Grandfather..... PHINEAS HORVATH

## Take a Trip

**Writer & Director**  
Emma Alejandro

High school friends reconnect over the summer.

### Cast

Josh..... JOVAN LINDSEY  
Tanner..... LUCA SCOTT  
Beach Ball..... ALYSSA ALEJANDRO, PHINEAS HORVATH  
Dancers..... MONTSERRAT GUERRA, PARKER TAPPEN

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**ALYSSA ALEJANDRO** (Actor/Tech) is a homeschooled junior. She has previously participated in *Big Fish* (Ensemble), *High School Musical* (Brainiac), *Newsies* (Ensemble), *Mean Girls* (Ensemble), *Beauty and the Beast* (Narrator), and *The Prom* (Mrs. Greene), along with other drama productions. Alyssa loves music and photography. She's grateful for another opportunity to work with this wonderful cast and thanks everyone who made this production possible.

**EMMA ALEJANDRO** (Writer/Actor) is a homeschooled senior thrilled to be a part of this production alongside her sister. Emma has appeared in HP Drama Club's *The Prom* and *Mean Girls* (Mrs. George). She has also participated in Faith Center productions of *Big Fish*, *High School Musical*, and *Beauty and the Beast* as well as Ocean Grove's teen show, *Newsies* (Hannah). Emma enjoys art, poetry, and baking, and she plans to study international relations in college. A special thanks to everyone involved and all the hard work poured into the show!

**RED AUGUSTINE** (Head of Lighting) is a sophomore who has been in the drama club for a total of three years and has done seven shows. Red wants to pursue Theater Tech at Montclair State. Red would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for their love and support throughout the years.

**AVRIL ESPINAL CALDERON** (Actor) is a junior at HPHS. This is her third production with HP Drama and her second production as an actor. She

participated in the tech crew for *She Kills Monsters* (Costumes/Props) and acted in *The Prom* (Ensemble). In her free time, she likes to sing, dance, bake, and draw! She would like to thank all her friends and family for supporting her, as well as all the others involved in this production!!

**TALIA GLUECK** (Co-Director/Stage Manager) is a 12th grader at Highland Park High School. This is her fourth year in tech, which includes her work on *One Acts 2022, 2023, and 2024*, *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Puffs*, *Footloose*, *She Kills Monsters*, and *The Prom*. When enjoying time at home, she can be found whittling by the "fireplace." She would like to thank OOOOOOOOOOlive, the glüktrük, and her mom #loveyoumom.

**MONTSERRAT GUERRA** (Tech) is a sophomore at HPHS. This is her ninth show with the drama club, previously having acted in *The Prom*, *She Kills Monsters*, *Footloose*, *Puffs*, and more. In her free time, Montse likes to listen to music and hang out with her friends. She would like to thank the cast and crew for making this production possible.

**PHINEAS HORVATH** (Writer/Actor) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is their sixth production with the HP Drama Club. He has previously participated in *Puffs* (Mr. Bagman/Death Buddy/etc.), *Footloose* (Wes Warnicker/Bickle), *One Knight* (Various), *She Kills Monsters* (Narrator), and *The Prom* (Kevin). He has also previously participated in many HPYTC

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## Conch Shell

### Writer & Director

Aster Marcus

Two friends talk about the importance of our planet and being hopeful, with the help of a conch shell.

### Cast

Amara..... MARIA LEVINA  
Aaron..... CECILIA TANNER-RICCARDI

## A Whale of a Time

### Writer & Director

Cecilia Tanner-Riccardi

Three people find themselves swallowed by a whale and discover a shocking secret about what happens inside a whale's mouth.

### Cast

Whale..... JOVAN LINDSEY  
Person 1..... TESSA HUTTNER  
Person 2..... LEILA WEINBERG  
Person 3..... PARKER TAPPEN

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## Oh, Kevin!

### Writer & Director

Phineas Horvath

A boy discovers a horrifying secret about his friend's home life.

### Cast

Beckett..... ASTER MARCUS  
Kevin..... BECK HUME  
Mom..... EMMA ALEJANDRO  
Dad..... CECILIA TANNER-RICCARDI

## Try Again.

### Writer & Director

Surya Patel

A man tries to fix his failing relationship.

### Cast

Fred..... JOVAN LINDSEY  
Harper..... MARIA LEVINA  
Will..... LUCA SCOTT

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## Sleeping With The... Squids?

**Writer & Director**

Julius McKenna

An unsuspecting customer stumbles upon a tax company that isn't quite what it seems.

**Cast**

Jeremy..... TESSA HUTTNER  
Keith..... PHINEAS HORVATH  
Customer..... PARKER TAPPEN  
Bereaved..... AVRIL ESPINAL CALDERON

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## The Haunting of the Hemlocks

**Writers & Directors**

Beck Hume and Allie Lesko

Five people try to figure out who or what is responsible for deaths in the family.

**Cast**

Alistair..... JOVAN LINDSEY  
Duke..... LUCA SCOTT  
Edmond..... PHINEAS HORVATH  
Cordelia..... MARIA LEVINA  
Adeline..... TESSA HUTTNER

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## Will You Be There?

**Writer & Director**

Emily Tawil

The famous story of Hades and Persephone with a twist.

**Cast**

Persephone..... AVRIL ESPINAL CALDERON  
Hades..... EMMA ALEJANDRO  
Demeter..... MARIA LEVINA  
Zeus..... EVAN LEIZ  
Hera..... ALYSSA ALEJANDRO  
Hermes..... SURYA PATEL

## Sea Glass

**Writer & Director**

Beck Hume

A girl finds an interesting piece of sea glass.

**Cast**

Annalise..... SURYA PATEL  
Super Buff Guy..... LUCA SCOTT  
Audience Member..... RAYMOND MARTINEZ