# ONE LAST CHANCE

# May 1 – 3, 2025

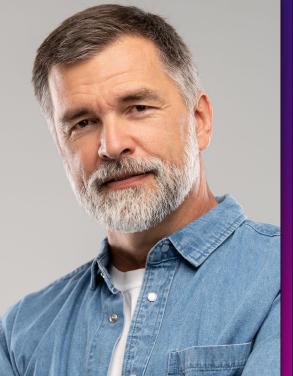
World Premiere

### THE STORY

Fresh off the graduation celebration, Kingston Callahan, with his friend and former team member, makes plans for life after high school. Kingston's mother orchestrates a different celebration that she hopes will bring healing to her brothers and their families. However, Kingston's choice of college and his roommate don't sit well with his parents, which throws the house into chaos. Fireworks also fly as a 45year-old rivalry is reignited between brothers. As Kingston's mother's plan for a family kumbaya moment disintegrates epically, the families are faced with a new threat: an officerinvolved shooting. As events continue to rock families, will secrets, opinions, and half-truths set them on a collision course that ultimately divides family, friends, and a community, or can they find the healing so desperately needed?

# Callahans The







#### KAY Callahan

Kay, the sister to Curtis and Dennis, has and continues to be the boss of them all. Her desire is to bring healing to her brothers. Unfortunately, she fails to see the rips that are occurring in her own family. She is married to Wayne Callahan. They have a son.

#### WAYNE Callahan

Wayne is a great provider and loves his family immensely. Many times, he ends up umpiring between mother and son. It is a tight rope to walk but he manages well, except for when disrespect rears its ugly head. But that's the challenge with most fathers, when their sons become independent. Then it's not one, or two, but three bulls going at it in the house!

#### KINGSTON CALLAHAN

Kingston is the son of Wayne and Kay Callahan. In addition to navigating two different cultures, he is also an old soul in a teen's body with his love of vinyl records and old school music. His friendship with Drake, someone not liked by his mother, is the cause of tension in the household. It is a tension that will pull at the fabric of their family.

# Johnsons The





#### CURTIS JOHNSON

Curtis Johnson, is the patriarch to an eclectic family. Though estranged from his brother / cousin Dennis, he has kept ties with his sister / cousin and their families. His greatest desire is to set things right with those he's wronged. It will not be as easy as it may look. Distance and years don't always lead to forgiveness.

#### ANNE JOHNSON

She is the second wife to Curtis, though they first met in college. Anne, a helpful and protective woman, has been a guiding light in Curtis' journey in life. Her wisdom was essential in his growth as a man and a father. Now grandparents, they are both fiercely loyal to their lineage.

#### SHEILA HOLMES

Daughter of Curtis, Sheila has had difficulties throughout life. Unable to have children, she adopted based only on her heart. Family, no matter how it comes to be, is key to this momma bear. In addition to the struggles of raising kids, she also has to deal with the stress of one of them being a police officer.



#### BRIANNA HOLMES

Brianna is the adopted daughter of Sheila and brother to Ethan. She has more than enough heart for any in need. Blood may be thicker than water, but there is no thicker relationship than what exists between her and Ethan and the rest of her cousins. Family is always first because she knows what it means to not have one.

#### ETHAN HOLMES

Ethan is the adopted son of Sheila. Ethan and Kingston are cool cousins. He would be what has become known as "step-black", not cultural appropriations, just being a white kid raised in the culture of a black family. He is a wise officer for his young age. It comes from the street smarts ingrained in him by his grandfather Curtis.

#### DENNIS JOHNSON

Dennis is the oldest brother to Kay Callahan and estranged cousin to Curtis. He is the patriarch to one of the Johnson family lines. He hides a previous experience that becomes explosive to his family . Dennis has become good at hiding feelings except for when it comes to his cousin Curtis. That is raw and laid out for all to see.

#### LINDA JOHNSON

Linda is the wife of Dennis Johnson. They are high school sweethearts. But she once dated Curtis, Dennis' cousin. It has been a specter that has hung over their entire marriage. She has her own secrets that will challenge her family as well.

#### ANTHONY JOHNSON

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#### ALESSANDRA JOHNSON

Daughter of Anthony Johnson, Alessandra is a law school student that enjoys life to the fullest. She advocates for others with the same fervor. Her righteous indignation runs headlong into the ties that make up family and community. Which will win out? Truth is not always easy to accept.







#### DRAKE

Drake is a close friend to Kingston. He's a recent graduate headed to college. They both played ball together in school. Drake comes from a bourgeois upper middle-class home, yet his focus is looking for identity in all the wrong places. Caught between worlds and friendships, his choices have consequences that will impact all.

Friend to Drake and brother in their set. They run in the same circle of wanna-be neighborhood bad boys. He is highly suspicious of Kingston and Kingston's true loyalties with Drake. But when he acts on that suspicion, lives are changed forever, including his.

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#### OFFICER LOCKWOOD

Ethan's partner and member of the local police force. Her goal is to keep her partner safe and a family out of the crosshairs of public dissent.



# AUDITION

#### Tuesday, January 21, 2025



Sylvan Hills HS Performing Arts Center 403 Dee Jay Hudson Rd, Sherwood, AR

SHHS Students @ 4:15 – 5:50 p.m. Open Community Call @ 6:00 p.m.



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10-minute spots.

- 1 Prepared Piece (personal choice or from script)
- 1 Reading (from script)
  Complete online application to reserve spot and receive sides. Include your headshot. (see links below)

Call Backs – Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025

For PCSSD participants - SHHS Theatre Arts Site

For Non-PCSSD participants - http://www.1410mediagroup.com



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# PRODUCTION DETAILS

#### TECH / DRESS / PERFORMANCES

Technical Rehearsals – April 21, 22, & 23, 2025 Dress Rehearsals – April 28 & 29, 2025 Performances – May 1, 2, & 3, 2025

#### COMPENSATION

Provided for all non-PCSSD youth and adults. 1 week run. Compensation contract provided with 1410 Media Group, LLC.

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Anyone not employed by PCSSD must complete and pass a background check.

### MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



PRENTICE DUPINS Director, Producer, Writer



LAURA MARTIN Public / Alumni Liaison



DEANDRE LEWIS

Technical Director, Producer, Writer



KEITH HARPER Community Theatre Liaison



CHAR DUPINS Art Department Technical Director



KYLIE BELVERSTONETechnical Consultant



NICHOLAS JOHNSON Student Stage Manager



CHASE SMITH

Art Department Student Manager

## GOODBYE POPPA D!

The **Sylvan Hills Theatre Arts program** is presenting a two-show season which is serving as a fundraiser for the program and a celebration for the retirement of our Theatre Celebration for the retirement of our Theatre Manager and Technical Director, Mr. Prentice Dupins. It is also an opportunity for the students at Sylvan Hills to work with community theatre performers on the stage in this unique project. The first show in the season is **One More Chance**. It is the very first play written by Mr. Dupins for the high school stage. The second show is **One Last Chance** and picks up the story 45 years later. **One Last Chance** will receive its world premiere during this season. It was written by premiere during this season! It was written by Mr. Dupins and Mr. DeAndre Lewis, Sylvan Hills Alumnus and Director of the Theatre Arts program.

