



One More Chance

April 24 – 26, 2025

The Story

Setting

The action of the play takes place in Little Rock, Arkansas in the Home of Frank & Margaret Johnson, in prom season, May of 1977.

Synopsis

Two brothers are in love with the same girl. When the unfaithful antics of the older brother provide for the opportunity of his younger brother to date the older brother's ex-girlfriend, chaos reigns. Add to their teenage love triangle, a problematic prying neighbor, a friendly rodent, and a few family secrets, you have the right mixture for a hilarious down-home southern comedy! Which brother ends up with true love? Will family secrets cause the total meltdown of the Johnson household? Go back in time to the 70's, disco, and bell bottoms to enjoy a trip down memory lane as we find out who in the Johnson household, if any, will get one more chance!



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The Johnsons



Frank Johnson

Frank is the patriarch of the Johnson household. A down-home guy, Frank works hard for the home and seeks to enjoy the fruits of his labor. That is whenever he can get rid of the neighborhood gossip that frequents his humble abode. But Frank must deal with other intrusions from the past that may forever change his life and home.



Margaret Johnson

Margaret is the “in charge” mother for the Johnson household. She is not your typical stay at home mom. She likes the finer things of life and misses them at times because of the duty of motherhood. Her wisdom is solid and keeps the ship moving forward. But when her past catches up with her, she finds the best thing in her life may be lost because as we know, chickens do come home to roost if given enough time, especially the ones we try to keep hidden.

The Johnsons



Curtis (CJ) Johnson

The oldest son, CJ's 18th birthday looms as he relishes leaving his home for greater escapades. His viewpoint of relationships is very one-sided. He finds out what it means to really love, once he loses it to his younger brother.



Dennis Johnson

Dennis, is the quiet, dutiful son that finds it hard to stand up for himself. That is until he has the opportunity to connect with the one that got away. He stands at odds with his older brother. This kind soul has to find it within him to become a fighter for that which he loves.



Kenneth (KC) Johnson

KC stands in the shadows of his older brothers. He also receives the underserved assaults of his scheming little sister. He is drawn to sports, the one haven where he can shine. He acts as if he's okay, but he longs for connection. Somehow and some way, this middle child stumbles into love as he learns to stand up and be heard.



Kay Johnson

Kay may be the youngest and only girl in the group, she is by no means the weakest. To be truthful, she is smarter and outwits her brother at every turn. She despises CJ and wraps KC around her finger. But Dennis holds a special spot in her heart, as does Ben, her pet rat.

Friends of the Family



Linda

Linda is the main love interest of CJ and former interest of Dennis. Her friend Monica has been a great influence on her, especially in standing up for what she wants. Linda finds herself caught between two people she likes a lot. How can she decide between them?



Monica

Monica, best friend to Linda, is a true product of the 70's. Women's liberation is her cause du jour. She and CJ are oil and water, but she likes the kindness of Dennis. And if you read between the lines, she has a soft spot for KC. She and Kay are kindred spirits. There's not a fight she won't engage nor a cause she won't rally around.



Fred

Fred, best friend to CJ, is everyone's comic relief without even trying. He's more CJ's errand boy than counterpart. He tries to mimic CJ's playboy attitude, but at times, he's not cool with CJ's antics. Though CJ talks him into some of the craziest adventures, he finds a way to be his own man when it counts.



Pam

Pam is CJ's other girlfriend. But she thinks she's the only one. When she finds out about the other woman, she sinks to CJ's level to help torpedo her. But there is good in her heart. She comes around to understand that true love is just that. And hopefully, she will find it for herself if she turns from her devious ways.

Friends of the Family



Mrs. Benton (Bee)

Mrs. Benton, is neighbor and good friend to Margaret. She lives a few houses down, but you wouldn't know it since she's at Margaret's all of the time. She might as well work for the Police since she has eyes on the entire neighborhood. Her one desire, a man! And if things fall her way, she just might get one soon!



Norman

Norman is the son of Mrs. Benton. He's also a good friend to Frank. He's good for advice, free as a friend, but paid as a lawyer. Most of his time is spent keeping up with his mother. He shares her desire to find her a man. It's the only way he sees freedom any time soon!



Bobby Lee

Bobby Lee is a slick voice from the past that should have remained there! His return to the neighborhood upturns not just the Johnson house but the whole community. Why is he back? Why did he leave? All questions that can be answered by the community watchdog, Mrs. Benton.



Anne

Anne is the new girl in town that has caught CJ's eye. Yes, she's now in third place. This quiet, unsuspecting young lady can stand on her own. She knows how to put them all in check, including the high and mighty CJ Johnson. Will CJ's lies blind her to the truth or will she see through his obvious front?

The Community



Detective Wayneright

Detective Wayneright has been around this part of town since growing up here. He's so much a staple of the community, he also serves as a Pastor to a small congregation in town. His focus is the training of Detective Lloyd his new partner. He is partnering with community members to help as a mini-crime wave hits the neighborhood.



Detective Lloyd

Detective Lloyd is the new partner with Detective Wayneright. He's a by-the-books officer that would give Barney Fife a run for his money. Many in the community call them Andy and Barney. But don't let that fool you. He's as thorough as they get and he will get his perp, guaranteed!



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.

Audition

10-minute spots.

- 1 Prepared Piece (personal choice or from the script)
- 1 Reading (from script)

Complete an online application to reserve a 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>



Production Details

Tech / Dress / Performances

Technical Rehearsals – April 14, 15, & 17, 2025

Dress Rehearsals – April 21 & 22, 2025

Performances – April 24 – 26, 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 Production Team



Deandre Lewis
Director, Producer



Prentice Dupins
Technical Director, Producer,
Writer



Char Dupins
Art Department Technical
Director



Chase Smith
Student Stage Manager



Laura Martin
Public / Alumni Liaison



Keith Harper
Community Theatre Liaison



Kylie Belverstone
Technical Consultant



Nicholas Johnson
Technical 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 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 Mr. Dupins and Mr. DeAndre Lewis, Sylvan Hills Alumnus and Director of the Theatre Arts program.