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A TRIVIAL COMEDY FOR SERIOUS PEOPLE

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17—18 October 2014

Lakeside High School Fine Arts Auditorium

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# Serious Amusement.

"One must be serious about something,  
if one wants to have any amusement in life."

—*Algernon Moncrieff*

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## Synopsis

Oscar Wilde's 1895 trivial comedy, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, has entertained audiences for nearly 120 years. It has celebrated a Broadway revival, and even 2 Tony Awards (1948 and 2011). The story follows John Worthing and best friend, Algernon, as they both take on the pseudonym *Earnest* to escape from their upper crust obligations.

Amid proposals, courtships, and even christenings, their schemes backfire with hilarious results. A satirical elbow to high society, *Earnest* is full of comedy, wit and fun for ladies and gentlemen of any era.

## The Scenes of the Play

1. The Morning Room in Algernon Moncrieff's flat, Half Moon Street, London
2. The Garden of the Manor House, Woolton

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17 October 2014

7PM

18 October 2014

2PM & 7PM

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(In order of appearance)

Lane.....(Mr. Moncrieff's Man-servant) .....Ben Hoover

Algernon "Algy" Moncrieff ..... (John Worthing's friend) ..... Seth Gregson

John "Earnest" Worthing, J.P. .... { of the Manor House, } .....Sam Cassamas  
Woolton, Hertfordshire }

Lady Augusta Bracknell.....Lydia Podowitz

Gwendolyn Fairfax ..... (her Daughter).....Grace McKenna

Cecily Cardew..... (John Worthing's Ward)..... Bernadette Bridges

Miss Laetitia Prism ..... (her Governess)..... Carrie Callaway

Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D. ....(Rector of Woolton).....Sean Crowson

Merriman .....(Butler to Mr. Worthing) ..... Dani Klekot

Understudy for Miss Cardew and Lady Fairfax.....May May Carr



Special thank you to Principal Jason Clyne, Mr. Charles Snell, Chorus Director; Mr. David Fairchild, Band Director; Mrs. Mary Firth, Lakeside Language Arts Department.

LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN  
KINDLY  
REMOVE  
YOUR HATS

And turn off your cell phones

# Behind the Scenes

Director.....	Mrs. Greta Hayes & Mr. Chris Hayes
Assistant Director.....	Ally Spann
Stage Manager .....	Hillary Sklar
Production Manager .....	Libby Sinner
Set Design/Art Direction.....	Allie McClintock, Libby Sinner
Costume Designer/Seamster .....	Mr. Jeff Kinard
Crew.....	Shencheh Akuchu, Kate Berg, Rosie Bourne, Annie Bresee, Adrianna Brown, Jennifer Cassabone, Rachel Hu, Devon Kaleita, Eva Lehman, Hannah Levy, Noelle Marchais, Allie McClintock, Lila Murphy, Trupti Patel, Mitchell Patterson, Kirstina Rokholm, Yoshua Ruperto, Ashlyn Sak, Caleb Shaffer, Libby Sinner, Hillary Sklar, Rayna Sklar, Ally Spann, MiMi Tran, Camila Uribe, Patrick Wickson, Sophie Yeager, Mia Zacharias
Set Construction Manager.....	Mr. Scott Sinner
Concessions.....	Mrs. Becky Hoover
Afternoon Tea Coordinators.....	Mrs. Becky Hoover, Mr. Steve Podowitz
Box Office.....	Mrs. Julie McKenna
Program Design .....	Mr. John Carr

The Lakeside Drama Club Association is forever indebted to one of its founding members, Marykay Mentzer. As our association's first treasurer, Marykay graciously spent hours getting our fiscal house in order.

Thanks to Marykay, the LDCA is a financially responsible organization able to transition leadership smoothly and transparently.

Our deepest gratitude to you, Marykay!

# The Players

**Bernadette Bridges**, 12th, Cecily. Bernadette was last seen as Teen Fiona/Duloc Dancer/Blind Mice/Fairy Godmother/Dragon Puppeteer in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Sad Girl/Teen Dancer in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Teen Dancer/Ensemble in *The Music Man*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus, Show Choir, Jazz Band Vocalist, Thespian Troupe Honor Society, National Honor Society Vice-President, Spanish Honor Society, Class President ('13, '14, '15), SGA, Color Guard, Winter Guard, *Lakeside Legend* Newspaper Section Editor.

**Carrie Callaway**, 11th, Miss Prism. Carrie was last seen as Mama Bear in *Shrek The Musical*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus, Beta Club, French Club, FCA, Tennis.

**May May Carr**, 12th, Cecily/Gwendolen US. May May was last seen as Guard/Villager/Wedding Choir/Bunny Puppeteer in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Terri Thumbs in *Midsummer/Jersey*, Birdie Fan Club in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Lee in "The Bully Pulpit" from *The Bully Plays*, Gracie Shinn in *The Music Man*, Ensemble US in *Once On This Island*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus, One Act Team, Thespian Troupe Honor Society, National Honor Society, Beta Club, French Club, French Honor Society, FCA, Miss Lakeside Pageant Dance Troupe.

**Sam Cassamas**, 10th, John. Sam was last seen as Villager/Wedding Choir/Giraffe Puppeteer in *Shrek The Musical*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus.

**Sean Crowson**, 12th, Rev. Chasuble. Sean was last seen as White Rabbit/Duloc Dancer/Dragon Puppeteer/Moon Puppeteer/Crew in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Robert Sudds in *Midsummer/Jersey*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus.

**Seth Gregson**, 12th, Algy. Seth was last seen as Shrek in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Oberon in *Midsummer/Jersey*, Harry MacAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Snoopy in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Oliver Hix in *The Music Man*, TonTon Julian in *Once On This Island*. Activities: Drama Club Co-President, One Act Team, Chorus, Show Choir, All-State Chorus ('12, '13, '14), Literary Meet Quartet ('12, '14), Literary Meet Dramatic Interpretation ('12, '14), Jazz Band Vocalist, Cast Member for *In The Heights*, Georgia Thespian All-State Show ('14), Thespian Troupe Honor Society President, National Honor Society, Beta Club, French Club, French Honor Society President, GSA.

**Ben Hoover**, 12th, Lane. Ben was last seen as Captain of the Guard/Mad Hatter in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Rufus DiCarlo in *Midsummer/Jersey*, Harvey Johnson in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Brian in "The Bully Pulpit" from *The Bully Plays*, Ensemble in *The Music Man*, Young Daniel in *Once On This Island*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus, One Act Team, Thespian Troupe Honor Society, National Honor Society.

**Dani Klekot**, 11th, Merriman. Dani was last seen as Peter Pan/Knight/Duloc Dancer in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Phyllis Trait/Moonbeam in *Midsummer/Jersey*, Gloria Rasputin in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus, Thespian Troupe Honor Society, Tri-M Honor Society, GSA, Basketball, Softball.

**Grace McKenna**, 12th, Gwendolyn. Grace was last seen as Swamp Guard/Pied Piper/Dragon Puppeteer in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Helene in *Midsummer/Jersey*, Reporter in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Barbara in "The Bully Pulpit" from *The Bully Plays*, Crew for *The Music Man*, Ensemble US in *Once On This Island*. Activities: Drama Club, Thespian Troupe Honor Society, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Governor's Honors Finalist in Biology '13, *Valhalla* Yearbook.

**Lydia Podowitz**, 12th, Lady Bracknell. Lydia was last seen as Fiona in *Shrek The Musical*. Other credits: Patti Quince in *Midsummer/Jersey*, Mrs. Mayor in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Peppermint Patty in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Pick-A-Little Lady in *The Music Man*. Activities: Drama Club, Chorus, One Act Team, Orchestra, Thespian Troupe Honor Society, National Honor Society, Friendship Circuit, *Lakeside Legend* Newspaper, Tennis.

## Director's Note

With *Earnest* as our introduction to the Lakeside fine arts community, we would like to thank everyone for their hard work and effort, especially the students who will be performing for you tonight. These actors and actresses took on the task of analyzing and portraying characters that were written over a century before any of them were even born ... and just under a century for us (shhh). Oscar Wilde made it incredibly easy for us to make great choices in the staging of his work, choices that would bring laughs to a modern audience. We hope you enjoy it ... of course, in a respectable manner. Wish us luck as we compete in the following weeks. —G and C

### Come Grow with Us

The Lakeside High School community has long wished for a dedicated Drama Program to include a standards-based curriculum delivered by a designated Drama teacher. That day has come. The Lakeside Drama Club Association is very pleased to support Ms. Greta Hayes, Lakeside High School's new Drama teacher and sponsor.

Established last year, the Lakeside Drama Club Association (LDCA) is a parent-run group initiated by Principal Jason Clyne to support student drama and musical productions. LDCA's purpose is to help provide excellent drama and musical theatre opportunities for Lakeside students, as well as promote the development, education, and continuation of the performing arts as part of the curriculum at Lakeside High School.

This production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* is the first collaborative effort of the LDCA, Ms. Hayes and the administration as we build a solid foundation for theatre excellence at Lakeside. We hope you enjoy the performance and will continue to support the new LHS Drama Program.

Come grow with us.

Tell us how you'd like to help at:  
[LakesideDCA@gmail.com](mailto:LakesideDCA@gmail.com)

#### **2014 – 2015 Lakeside Drama Club Association Board Members**

Co-Presidents: Allison Berg and Steve Podowitz

Treasurer: Christine Callaway

Secretary: Becky Hoover

Members-at-Large: Lisa Bridges and Julie McKenna

*Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are.*  
~ Alfred Austin

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