

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR - RACHEL BAUER

Rachel feels privileged to be here working at Hamilton with such amazing students and staff! She's excited to be back working with high school students again. She's been heavily involved with acting/directing since age 12. She has enjoyed many roles on and off stage. She comes to us a UW-Whitewater Theatre/English Education graduate. She'd like to thank her amazingly supportive husband and three beautiful children! She also thanks her parents and in-laws, who have provided many hours of childcare, without which this would not be possible!

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Here at Hamilton, the myth of *Harvey* has persisted over the years. Past theatre alums got to perform *Harvey* back in 2009 and so the legend began. Every time something was misplaced in the theatre, the cast, crew, etc. would blame Harvey for the disappearance! The upperclassmen, having heard about *Harvey*, are now finally able to be involved in their own production.

All the students involved with the show have worked extremely hard to bring *Harvey* to life. They endured a hardship this year of losing their beloved director, Erin Brigham (who is now in Utah). Erin inspired many students at this school to have a love of theatre and the arts. It was a humble beginning to find our rhythm over the weeks, but it wouldn't have been achieved without the support of the wonderful kids, Drama Boosters, parents, and staff here at Hamilton. Thank you!

Finally, *Harvey* is a comedy. Our show is set in the 1940s. *Harvey* asks us to explore reality versus imagination. How do you define normal or crazy, and what might you be willing to relinquish in order to achieve what you want? We invite you to laugh along with us. Enjoy the show!

SUMMARY

Harvey is a 1944 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by the American playwright Mary Chase. The story follows Elwood P. Dowd, who is charming and kind with one character flaw: an unwavering friendship with a pooka, whom he describes as a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch tall invisible white rabbit named Harvey. When Elwood starts to introduce his friend to guests at a society party, his sister Veta can't take it anymore. In order to save the family's social reputation, Elwood's sister takes him to the local sanatorium. But when the young handsome doctor mistakenly commits his anxiety-ridden sister, Elwood and Harvey slip out of the hospital unbothered, setting off a hilarious whirlwind of confusion and chaos as everyone in town tries to catch a man and his invisible rabbit. Everyone needs a best friend, and ours is *Harvey*!

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director Rachel Bauer
Set Building and Design Dean Wicker and Amber Skaros
Costume Designer Darcy Devans
Light Designer Dean Wicker
Sound Supervisor John Washbush
Publicity Sarah Kowalske
Assistant Producer Sarah Plamann

CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Myrtle Mae Simmons Becca Blaewood
Veta Louise Simmons Emily Bader
Elwood P. Dowd Jason Schlaman
Miss Johnson Izabel Krystowiak
Mrs. Ethel Chavenet Kavya Ayalasomayajula
Ruth Kelly RN Ciara Cronin
Duane Wilson Jake Hudson
Lyman Sanderson MD Jonah Greenwood
William R Chumley MD Sal Calatola-Young
Betty Chumley Bailey Greenwood
Judge Omar Gaffney Dustin Hartwig
E.J. Lofgrem Charlie Bruch

Ensemble Lauren Schlaman
Ensemble Matt Lange
Ensemble Mariano Calatola-Pofahl
Ensemble Dorie Palmer
Ensemble Ariel Hoefler

STUDENT PRODUCTION STAFF

Head Stage Manager Lauren Bruss
Assistant Stage Managers Nikki Fenner and Jessica Moegenburg
Head of Sound Linsey Blattner
Head of Lighting/ Props Mistress Krystal Fedie
Curtains Tyler McMurray
Crew Manager/ Sound/ Props Mistress Jay Ware

Stagehand Crew Brenna Atlee, Sarah Bauer,
Brooke Brandtjen, Emma Moss,
Briana Taylor, Morgan Waldenberger,
Marlee West, Kayleigh Winston

ACTS/SCENES

Scene Synopsis: The action of the play takes place in a city in the Far West in the library of the old Dowd family mansion and the reception room of Chumley's Rest.

Act I

Scene 1: The library, late afternoon

Scene 2: Chumley's Rest, an hour later

15 minute Intermission

Act II

Scene 1: The library, an hour later

Scene 2: Chumley's rest, four hours later

Act III

Chumley's Rest, a few minutes later

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

Winter play – *Ramona Quimby* 2/9/17 to 2/12/17

Spring musical – *My Fair Lady* 5/4/17 to 5/7/17

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HAMILTON DRAMA BOOSTER CLUB

Drama Booster Club is the parent organization that works to support the Hamilton Drama Club productions. The parents meet once a month to plan and organize events, production needs, and fundraisers to support the drama program.
<https://sites.google.com/a/hamiltonstudents.org/hamilton-drama/home>

BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS AND COORDINATORS

Kirsten Schlaman Co President
Rita Calatola-Pofahl Co President
Jeannine Moegenburg Secretary
Tamie Greenwood Treasurer
Anne Bledow Website Coordinator
Amber Atlee Pot Luck Coordinator and Crew Parent Supervisor
Janel Branden Brat Fry Coordinator
Christina Hartwig Raffle Basket Coordinator

CAST BIOGRAPHIES



Kavya Ayalasomayajula: Kavya, a senior, is jumpin' out of her socks with excitement to be in her sixth show at Hamilton. In her free time, she

cherishes drama and playing ukulele. She would like to thank current director Rachel Bauer and past directors Erin Brigham and Dede Paquette for their support.



Emily Bader: Emily Bader is a senior at HHS and is thrilled to start this year playing Veta in such a beloved play. This will be Emily's fourth year in the drama program.

Some of Emily's favorite roles have been the evil stepmother in *Cinderella* as well as Ginny in *A-Haunting We Will Go*. Emily is incredibly grateful for all the directors, family, and friends who have helped her throughout the years and would like to thank God for blessing her with the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing group.



Becca Blaedow: Becca Blaedow is a junior this year at Hamilton and is excited to be a part of *Harvey* as her fourth high school performance.

Becca has made stage appearances in *The Addams Family Musical* (Pugsley Addams), *The Matchmaker* (Ermengarde), and *Cinderella* (Grace, Step Sister). She is elated to be back on stage! She would like to thank her supportive family, friends, fellow cast members, and crew for helping her along the way.



Charlie Bruch: Charlie is a sophomore and this is his second show at Hamilton. He is super pumped to perform in the show and give the crowd a terrific

experience. He hopes you love *Harvey* as much as he does!



Mariano Calatola-Pofahl: Mariano is a freshman who is excited to be performing in *Harvey*. He is glad to be in his first show at Hamilton High School with his brother. He would like to thank his parents, his brother, and Jake Hudson for their support.



Sal Calatola-Young: Sal is, as always, tickled pink to be able to play Doctor Chumley in Hamilton's production of *Harvey*. This is Sal's eighth show and he is feeling

bittersweet as this is his senior year. He would like to thank all of his fellow Hamilton Drama seniors, because the experience would not have been half as impactful without seeing their bright and shining faces every day of every year.



Ciara Cronin: Ciara is thrilled to be playing the sweet and sassy Miss Kelly. It is still shocking to her that she is a senior. These past four years and seven shows have been

the highlight of high school. Ciara is thankful for her parents, brothers, and directors (past and present), who have encouraged and supported her. She would especially like to thank her fellow seniors. Growing and acting with them has been the best performance of all.



Bailey Greenwood:

Bailey is a senior at Hamilton High School and *Harvey* is her ninth production. In her free time she enjoys eating McDonald's and

watching too much *Family Guy* (as her mother would say). She would like to extend gratitude to her past directors Brigham and Paquette. She would also like to thank all of her fellow seniors for being with her from the very start, as well as thank everyone else in the drama world for giving her support and opportunities over the years.



Jonah Greenwood:

Jonah is a junior at Hamilton High School and *Harvey* is his fifth show. He is extremely excited to portray a larger role. He would like

to thank his family, the cast and crew, and the director for helping and believing in him.



Dustin Hartwig:

Dustin has been in drama for many years now. This show will be his sixth in the Hamilton Drama program. He is sad that this is his senior year, and

he will greatly miss all of his drama family next year.



Ariel Hoefler: Ariel is a junior at Hamilton and this is her fourth show. You might recognize her from her roles in *Matchmaker* and *A-Haunting We Will Go*.

She would like to thank her parents and friends for supporting her. Enjoy the show!



Jake Hudson: Jake is head over heels to be playing Wilson in *Harvey*. He has been in four plays and one musical. He would like to thank

Jason, Lauren, Bailey, and Becca. He would especially like to thank Mrs. Brigham for teaching him everything he knows about drama. He wants to thank you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!



Izabel Krystowiak: Izzy is thrilled to be playing Miss Johnson. This is her third production here at Hamilton. She has always had a passion for acting, and the Hamilton

Drama program has helped her better her skills and make some incredible friends and memories. Izzy hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed rehearsing it!



Matt Lange: Matt is 17 years old and is a senior at Hamilton. He has performed in the Hamilton Drama productions *A-Haunting We Will Go* and *Cinderella*

Enchanted. Some activities he enjoys are running, playing the piano and guitar, and singing in choir. He sincerely hopes you enjoy *Harvey*!



Dorie Palmer: Dorie is a freshman and this is her first show in the Hamilton Drama program. She loves to read and write, but most of all she loves theatre.

She is extremely excited to be a part of *Harvey* and hopes you enjoy the show!



Jason Schlaman: Jason is a senior who is enthralled to be back on stage for his tenth show at Hamilton. He would like to thank his father (who made his theatrical

debut as Wilson in a 1985 production of *Harvey*) for all of his support, guidance, and *Harvey*-related advice. Jason would like to express his gratitude to Mrs. Brigham and to Mrs. Bauer. A final shout out to the cast and crew, and of course, to Harvey, whose spirit will continue to warm the hearts of generations of theatergoers to come.



Lauren Schlaman: Lauren, a freshman, is honored to be a part of her first production at Hamilton. She is very fond of theater and is looking forward to future

shows. Lauren has performed in the 8th grade musical *Shrek Jr.* and other community theater shows. She would like to thank her brother Jason and the rest of her family for their endless love and support.

Support our Drama Club!

Buy a Talent Gram for students involved in the show to congratulate them on their hard work! Grams are delivered to the students after each show with your personal message. Talent Grams can be purchased before the show or during intermission for just \$1 each and all proceeds to directly back to the club.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Theater-goers are not allowed to take photographs of our shows, but we have professional photographs available for sale. Buy a Memory Photo CD to capture the memories!

Buy tickets for your chance to win the following: 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, or a professional cast/crew photograph. Tickets can be purchased before the show or during intermission.

Concessions are available at the show during intermission.

STUDENT PRODUCTION BIOGRAPHIES



Linsey Blattner: Linsey is a junior this year, and this will be her seventh show. Linsey is very excited to be participating in this production with her tech crew, and actor friends.

Linsey really enjoys working in sound, and for this show she is the head of sound with friends Jay and Morgan. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Lauren Bruss: Lauren is a junior in high school. This is her third year and her fifth show with the Hamilton Drama crew. She would like to thank her parents for being

supportive of her drama career. Lauren is looking forward to working with her partner in crime Nikki Fenner, and is very excited to meet new people in HHS Drama this year.



Krystal Fedie: Krystal is excited to be participating in *Harvey* as her seventh show; legends about the mysterious rabbit have been floating around

since she joined crew. Krystal is a junior, and she absolutely adores working with lights. This will be her first year as solo light board operator. She would like to thank her mentor Dani for training her in lighting, stress management, and life.



Nikki Fenner: Nikki is a spirited junior who is looking forward to this next show. She has been a part of five shows in her high school career. She is also happy to work

with Lauren Bruss—together, they form a deadly duo. Nikki hopes you enjoy the show!



Tyler McMurray: Tyler is a junior and he is looking forward to his second year in crew. He is excited for *Harvey* and to be helping out once again! Special thanks to

everyone who got him into crew and allowed him to become friends with all the new people.



Jessica Moegenburg:

Jessica is a junior who is so excited for *Harvey*! This is her fifth show in HHS Drama. She wants to thank all the cast and crew who helped this

show become what it is. She hopes you love *Harvey* as much as she does.



Jay Ware: Jay is a junior this year; this will be her seventh show in Hamilton Drama. She can't wait to get to know the new smiling faces of

the freshmen and new members of crew. She is excited to be in charge of crew and sound this year with Linsey. She hopes you laugh while watching the fun, yet strange play, *Harvey*!

STAGEHAND CREW BIOGRAPHIES



Brenna Atlee: Brenna is a freshman here at Hamilton. This is her first show with Hamilton Drama crew. Brenna works with the Florentine Opera Company outside of crew. She would like to thank her friends for supporting her throughout the show. She's excited for you to see what an amazing production this has become.



Sarah Bauer: Sarah is an enthusiastic junior who has participated in Drama both as a cast member and, as of this show, a crew member. Sarah is very dedicated and loves the Drama program! She can't wait for you to see the show!



Brooke Brandtjen: Brooke is a freshman and this is her first show at Hamilton in crew. She thanks the entire drama department for welcoming her into the program. Brooke is looking forward to meeting all kinds of new people this year, and having a fun time.



Emma Moss: Emma is a junior who was born in California and moved to Wisconsin. She soon discovered her love for crew. This is her first show in drama. Emma would like to thank her dad for being supportive of her after school activity. She can't wait for you to experience *Harvey!*



Briana Taylor: Briana is a freshman who is looking forward to her first year in Hamilton's Drama program. Briana would like to thank her mom for encouraging her to join crew and she is grateful for all the new friends she's made. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Morgan Waldenberger: Morgan is a sophomore in crew. This is her fourth show in the HHS Drama program and her second on crew. She would like to thank Jessica Moegenburg for pushing her to join drama.

Marlee West: Marlee is a sophomore at Hamilton. Her interests include playing piano and she likes to draw. Previously, Marlee was home-schooled and this is her first year back in public school since the fifth grade. This is also her first year in crew; she is happy to be able to help out as much as she can.



Kayleigh Winston: Kayleigh is a junior, and she's excited for this upcoming year! She's happy to (finally) return after *Matchmaker*. Special thanks to the rest of crew for drenching Kayleigh head to toe in paint and to Nicki Utecht for her artistic assistance!