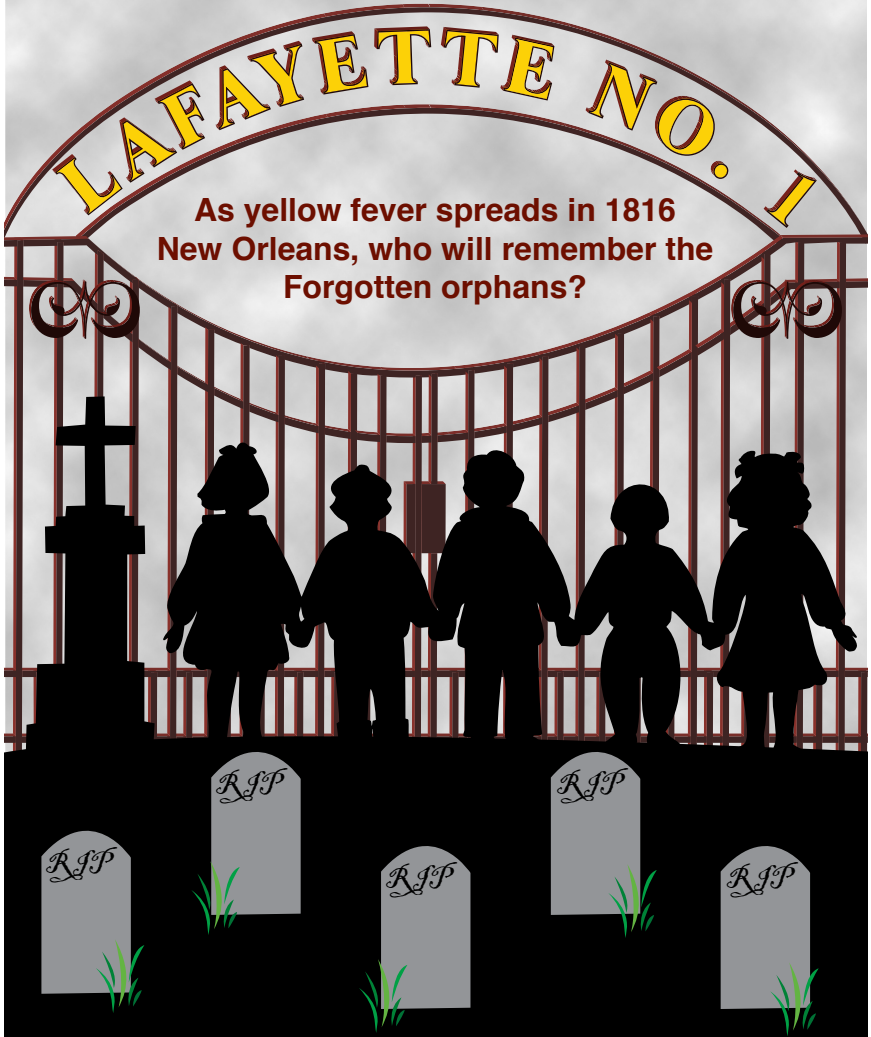


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Directed by Emily Fritz

LAFAYETTE NO. 1

As yellow fever spreads in 1816
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Dear Friends of Geneva's Theatre Productions:

Welcome to Geneva Community High School's annual Freshmen Play! We are excited for this cast to take the stage for their first production at GHS.

Thank you to our Directors, Emily Fritz and Jay Fontanetta, for creating this wonderful opportunity. Our cast, crew and directors have collaborated to bring this production to the stage very early in the school year, and we greatly appreciate their creativity and dedication.

I invite you to support our theatre programs through membership in the Geneva High School Theatre Boosters. They enrich our students' experiences by making things like this playbill possible and have been enhancing our theatre program with other "extras" for many years now. They would appreciate your help.

Thank you very much for your attendance as loyal patrons of Geneva's theatre productions. We are thrilled to have you back with us in person, and we hope you enjoy the performance this evening.

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A heartfelt thank you to the Geneva community who has so proudly supported our theatre program here at Geneva High School for many years. Thank you to those businesses who have made this playbill possible by advertising with us.

To our beloved audience, when shopping for goods, services, or tasty treats, please support the businesses that support us. The cast, technical crew and directors have worked endless hours to entertain you. We hope you enjoy the show.

- Thank you to Fagans Graphic Design & Printing for their design and printing of the playbill and posters.
- Thank you to Kim Ayars for beautiful photography of our production members and directors.
- Thank you to Mr. Rogers for his positive encouragement and support of the performing arts.
- Thank you to Lisa Stone, Christina Estrada, and the entire office staff for their tireless support.
- Thank you to Laura Sprague and all the employees and board members of Geneva School District 304 for their endless help.
- Thank you to the GHS security and custodial staff for their invaluable help throughout the entire theatrical process.
- Thank you to ALL the parents of cast and crew. We couldn't do it without your talented kids and YOUR support.
- A standing ovation for the incredible Director, Ms. Emily Fritz, and Technical Director, Mr. Jay Fontanetta.
- Thank you to Lauren Fontanetta for her tremendous help with costumes.

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Special Thank You To ...

- A shout out to our upperclassmen student directors for their help with this play.
- Thank you to the 2021-2022 GHS Theatre Boosters, committee members and volunteers. We appreciate everything you do to support the students and directors throughout the entire season.

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Director's Notes



I am honored to welcome you to Geneva High School's annual Freshmen Play. This production spotlights the future of our theatre department as the 9th graders make their GHS debut. I am so impressed with the talent and creativity these students demonstrated throughout the rehearsal process. I have immense gratitude for our wonderful student directors. I could not have asked for better guides as I learned the ropes of this theatre department.

It was nearly impossible to choose a show for this fall without considering the current state of our world. In a time when there has been so much loss, we hope to remind you that there is always a way to help those around you. Our performers present the real-world themes of this one-act with sincerity and a maturity beyond their years. It is truly amazing to see our students give a voice to the voiceless in this performance.

I would like to thank Tom Rogers and the GHS Administration for their constant support of our program and the creative students, both on and off stage, that work together to make theatre magic. Special thanks to our amazing Theatre Boosters; our technical director, Jay Fontanetta; and our costumer, Lauren Fontanetta, for their dedication and hard work.

I hope you enjoy this production as much as we've enjoyed creating it. If the future of Geneva Theatre Arts lies within these hands, there is no doubt in my mind that this program will blossom like never before. Without further ado, I welcome you to journey back in time to an all too familiar scene taking place amid a historical epidemic.

Thank you,
Emily Fritz

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Scene List

- Scene 1*
The Landry House
- Scene 2*
The Streets of New Orleans
- Scene 3*
The Bread Shop
- Scene 4*
The Streets of New Orleans
- Scene 5*
Lafayette No. 1
- Scene 6*
A Message from Beyond the Grave
- Scene 7*
Lafayette No. 1
- Scene 8*
Poydras' Mansion
- Scene 9*
Historical Relevance



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Cast

- Ms. Margaret Alicia Arteaga
- Geo Emilie Beaupre
- Moab Quinn Beier
- Poydras Griffin Egan
- Hannah Tess Engerman
- Harris Tyler Hogan
- Constable Frances McGroarty
- Maggie Roxy Nichols
- Lizzie Maeve Olechowski
- Anna Elizabeth Shackelford



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Maddie Gartrell (Senior)



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Zachary Davies (Junior)

LAFAYETTE NO. 1

Technical Crew



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Technical Director
Jay Fontanetta

LAFAYETTE NO. 1

Cast Bios



Alicia Arteaga (*Ms. Margaret*) is ecstatic to play Ms. Margaret and give the orphans bread in this production of *Lafayette No.1*. She has appeared in previous shows such as *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs Variety Show*, and she played Harry the Horse in *A Guy and Two*



Emilie Beaupre (*Geo*) is excited to play Geo Jackson in *Lafayette No. 1*. This is Emilie's second Geneva school production. She was Butch Cassidy in *The Night at the Wax Museum* at Geneva Middle School South. Emilie is looking forward to being on stage again.



LAFAYETTE NO. 1

Cast Bios



Quinn Beier (*Moab*) has appeared in several theatre productions including one movie and commercial film, television, and theatre productions. You may have seen him in *The Most Hated Woman in America* on Netflix and several plays and musicals at the local Geneva Theatre Playhouse 38. Quinn is very excited to play Moab in this show!



Griffin Egan (*Poydras*) is exuberant to play the role of Julien Poydras in the GHS production of *Lafayette No. 1*. He has played in multiple productions at Marquee Youth Stage in St. Charles such as *The Cat in the Hat* from *Seussical Jr.* and Lumiere from *Beauty and the Beast*. He loves to play the cello in EYSO. Griffin is ready to jam with his castmates and help put on the best one act of all time!!!

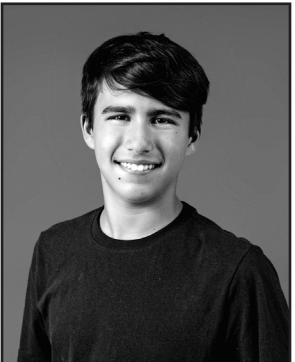


LAFAYETTE NO. 1

Cast Bios



Tess Engerman (*Hannah*) is ecstatic to play Hannah in this production of *Lafayette No.1*. She has been in *Shrek* playing Pinocchio, *Into the Woods* playing Jack, *Annie* playing Tessie, and *Stuart Little* playing Stuart Little. Out of the auditorium, Tess likes to play piano, sing, and hang out with friends. Tess would like to thank Ms. Fritz for directing this show!



Tyler Hogan (*Harris*) is excited to be playing Harris in *Lafayette No. 1*. In the past Tyler has played Burt in *Marry Poppins* and Cosmo in *Singing in The Rain*. He likes to hang out with friends and play wiffleball. Tyler thanks all participating in the production of the show for their hard work!



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Cast Bios



Frances McGroarty (*Constable*) is very excited to be in the GHS Freshman Play! They have been in four previous productions, including *Night at the Wax Museum* as Calamity Jane and *Beauty and The Beast* as LeFou. In the freshman production of *Lafayette No. 1*, they play the Constable. In their free time they enjoy reading, watching anime, and drawing.



Roxy Nichols (*Maggie*) is excited to be in the Geneva High School's first play of the year! She will be playing the spunky orphan Maggie. She has been in multiple plays including her school plays and many local musicals such as *Anne of Green Gables*, *Aladdin Jr.*, and *Annie!* She loves to sing and play the bass guitar at the School of Rock here in Geneva. She also loves to travel around the country hiking, finding landmarks and eating food. She hopes to be in more plays throughout the rest of her high school years.



LAFAYETTE NO. 1

Cast Bios



Maeve Olechowski (*Lizzie*) is thrilled to play Lizzie in *Lafayette No. 1*! She has participated in many productions including playing Rosie in *Mamma Mia* and the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*. When not onstage, Maeve enjoys playing guitar, taking care of plants, bike riding, and painting. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her!



Elizabeth Shackelford (*Anna*) is looking forward to playing Anna in *Lafayette No. 1*! She is fairly new to theater but is enjoying it so far. For fun she likes to play piano, guitar, and cello.



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*Admission to the Freshman Play, Fall Play, One Acts, Spring Musical and Viking Revue.

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