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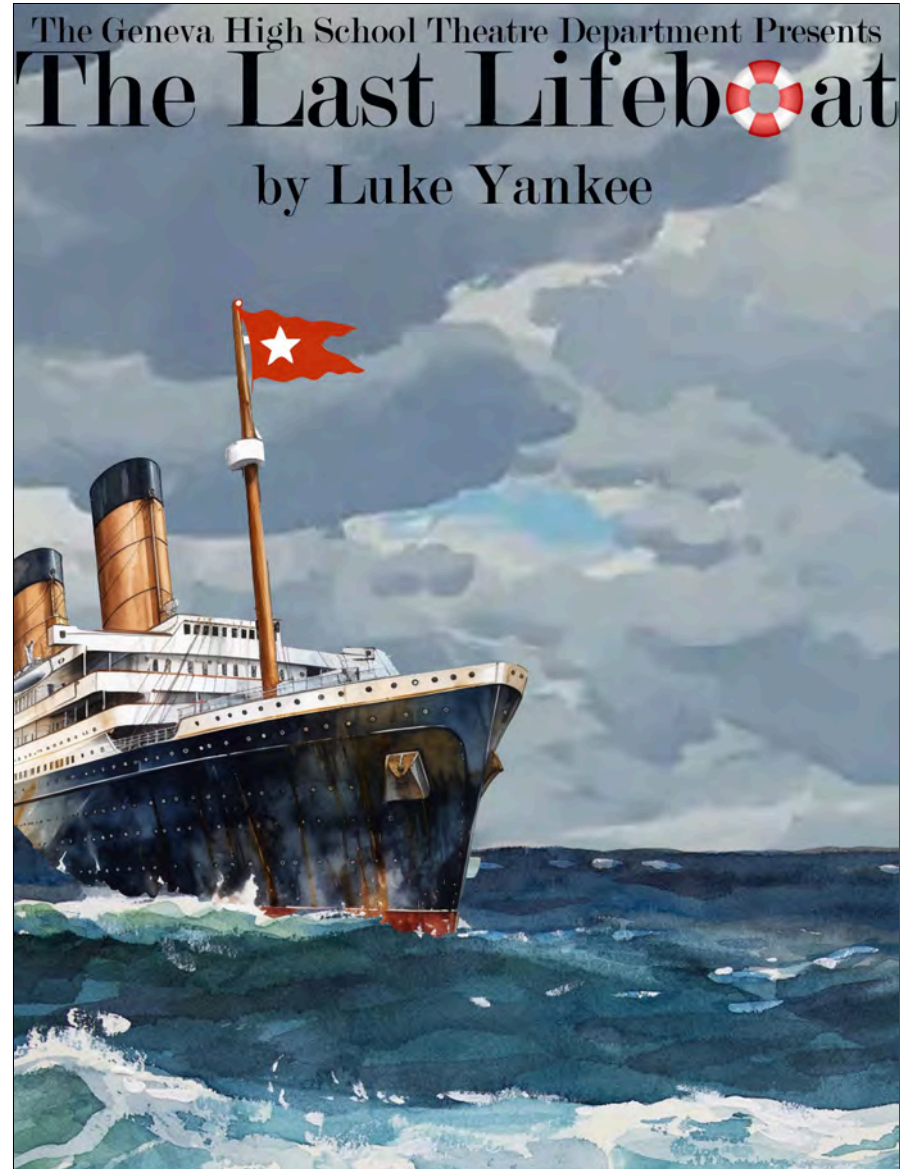



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The Last Lifeboat

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Director
Jay Fontanetta

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Welcome to Geneva Community High School's performance of *The Last Lifeboat*. Our cast and crew have dedicated themselves to the creation of this production and they've had a lot of fun doing it. Their commitment to our drama and music programs underscores the rich tradition of excellence and success in our performing arts endeavors. I also want to thank our team of directors for their enthusiasm and commitment to our students.

We are extremely fortunate to receive tremendous support from the Geneva High School Theatre Boosters. Please consider supporting them by becoming a member and volunteering your time. 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 support as loyal patrons of Geneva's theatre productions. We hope you enjoy the performance!

Sincerely,

Tom Rogers
Principal



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Kaylee - We love you so much! Continue reaching for your dreams and anything as possible! Love, mom and dad

Congrats on a great performance tonight Mia! We are so proud of you!! Love, Mickey, Luca, Maddy, Charley. Mom, Dad and Bear

Congratulations Arianna! We are so proud of you for all your hard work and determination! We love seeing your passion and dedication to your craft and look forward to seeing you continue to grow and shine! We love you, Baba, Mom & Angelina! XOXO

Megan we are so proud of you and we love you very much! You always amaze us with all you do! Break a leg!



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The Last Lifeboat

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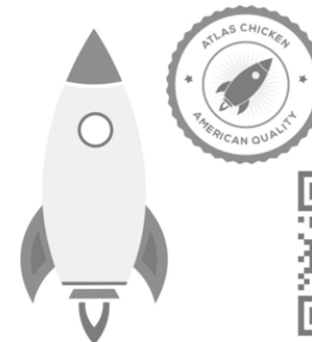
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Director's Note



It is said that J. Bruce Ismay's hair turned white overnight.

The Last Lifeboat tells the untold story of J. Bruce Ismay, the owner of the White Star Line at the time of the sinking of the Titanic, whose decision to save himself rather than go down with the ship made him the scapegoat for one of the greatest disasters of all time. The play suggests that Ismay had made enemies of powerful newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst during their business dealings, and it was Hearst who spearheaded the spreading of misinformation. The papers simplified the tragedy by noting that there were many victims and plenty of heroes, but only one villain: J. Bruce Ismay. This widely accepted and demonizing version of Ismay's actions led to his ousting from the White Star Line and spending the rest of his days as a recluse, haunted by ghosts. Addressing the issues of corporate greed, survivor's guilt, and how the media can sway public opinion, this drama explores not only the tragedy itself, but the sensationalized trials and aftermath of the night that changed the world forever.

We hope you enjoy The Last Lifeboat, and as always, thank you for your support of the performing arts.

Jay Fontanetta
Director



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, the cast, technical crew and directors have worked endless hours to entertain you. We hope you enjoy the show.

A Special Thanks To

Tom Rogers, Melanie Major, Lisa Kanzler and the GHS administration for their continued and tireless support of our Theatre program.

Geneva Woodshop teacher Jay Markuson and his students Dale Waggoner, Braden Gilsinn, Dylan Clark and Charles Winterhalter for their creation of our Front of House signage.

The GHS Security and Custodial Staff for their invaluable help and support.

ALL the parents of the cast and crew! We couldn't do it without your talented kids and YOUR support.

GHS Administration, All Dressed Up Costumes, Stephanie Nemeth, Luke Yankee, Jeff Schmela, and Andy Cozzi.

Thank you to the 2023-2024 Theatre Boosters, committee members and volunteers. We appreciate everything you do to support the students and directors throughout the entire season.

A very special thank you to our restaurant sponsors who go above and beyond to feed this hungry Cast and Crew during Tech Week: Mario's Pizza and Atlas Chicken Shack!!

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CREW WHO'S WHO



Olivia Reich

Sound Manager

Olivia is a senior at GHS and has been in tech since 7th grade. She's been the head of sound for three years. She'd like to thank her fellow techies especially her sound assistant and fellow seniors!



Emily Tuman

Stage Manager

This is Emily's second year in tech and she is so excited to display her skills on this show! In her free time Emily enjoys crocheting and reading. She would like to thank Kylie, Ms. Frullani and all the Senior Techies for their awesome leadership. Enjoy the show!!



Sage Wilson

Sound

This is Sage's 6th show at GHS. She loves working with the other crew members and enjoys building the sets. She is looking forward to continuing tech throughout high school.

CAST

Cast Members

Margaret Ismay/Italian Wife/Witness	Emilie Beaupre
George Ismay/Fry	Quinn Beier
Evelyn Ismay/Sophie	Emelia Bellino
Lady Peale/Sailor/Steward	Arielle Benjamin
Young Ismay/British Journalist/Witness	Mia Bruno
J. Bruce Ismay	Nate Carlson
William Randolph Hearst	Brenden Dodds
Murdoch/Althorp	Talia Eichelberger
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Vivian	Kate Wood

Production

Director	Jay Fontanetta
Technical Director	Jay Fontanetta

CAST

Production (continued)

Costume Coordinator Stephanie Nemeth
Light Design Jay Fontanetta
String Quartet Coordinator Krista Halvorson
Dialect Coach Laura Ciresi Starr
Lifeboat Construction Jeff Schmela
Student Director Maddie Johnson
Student Director Mia DeMarco

String Quartet

Violin Nola Ryan
Violin Olivia Schleyer
Cello Catelyn Schleyer
Viola Vasilisa Pozdeyev

CREW WHO'S WHO



Ari Heckman

Co-Prop Master

This is Ari's third show at GHS, and she is loving everything about it! This is her second time being on tech crew and she really enjoys being behind the scenes of the production. She really likes working with everyone and making all of the set pieces. She can't wait for the show and hopes you enjoy!



Molly Hughes

Running Crew

Molly is excited to be part of the The Last Lifeboat crew! She has enjoyed building on the skills she acquired in previous GHS productions. Molly thanks her friends and family for all their support.



Kelly Jaros

Lights Manager

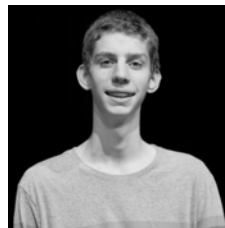
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Jacob Leon

Running Crew

Jacob is excited to be part of the The Last Lifeboat crew! He has enjoyed building on the skills she acquired in previous GHS productions. Jacob thanks his friends and family for all their support.



Matthew Peerless

Lights

Matthew is a sophomore at GHS and is very excited to be a part of The Last Lifeboat! He hopes you enjoy the show that everyone has worked hard to prepare for!

CREW WHO'S WHO



Abigail Bowgren

Backstage

Abigail has been doing Tech Crew since 6th grade and she is so excited to do it again in High School. She is excited to be part of the The Last Lifeboat crew! She has enjoyed building on the skills she acquired in previous GHS productions. Abigail thanks her friends and family for all their support.



Luca Colburn

Running Crew

Luca is excited to be part of the The Last Lifeboat crew! He has enjoyed building on the skills he acquired in previous GHS productions. Luca thanks his friends and family for all their support.



Lili Corbett

Stage Manager

From the beginning I was very curious for how the set was going to be designed, let alone how the boat would fit in, but watching it all come together and building the set as usual has been such a fun and great experience!!



Rachel Davidson

Running Crew

Rachel is excited to be part of the The Last Lifeboat crew! She has enjoyed building on the skills she acquired in previous GHS productions. Rachel thanks her friends and family for all their support.



Rani Foard

Running Crew

Rani Foard is delighted to be a part of the winter showcase! They have done numerous shows, including How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, Addam's Family, and The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Rani would like to thank Mr. Cozzi and Ms. Frullani for their leadership as well as the other techies for their abundant patience.

CREW

Crew Members

Backstage	Abigail Bowgren
Running Crew	Luca Colburn
Stage Manager	Lili Corbett
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Running Crew	Rani Foard
Co-Prop Master	Ari Heckman
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WHO'S WHO



Emilie
Beaupre

*as Margaret Ismay/Italian Wife/
Witness*

Emilie is very excited to be performing in this year's Winter Showcase. She plays the role of Margaret Ismay and the Italian wife. You may have seen her before in last year's musical; The Hunchback of Notre Dame. She's having lots of fun with her friends on stage, and she hopes you all enjoy the show!



Quinn Beier

as George Ismay/Fry

Quinn is a 16-year-old junior. You may have seen him in How to succeed in business without really trying, The Hunchback Of Notre Dame, Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind, and Marvel Spotlight. He is thrilled to be playing the roles of Fry/George in Geneva High School Theater's production of The Last Lifeboat.



Emelia Bellino

as Evelyn Ismay/Sophie

Emelia is a freshman who is thrilled to be a part of the GHS theater program for the first time! Some of her favorite roles include Dorothy (Wizard of Oz), Belle (Beauty and the Beast), Ella (Camp Rock), and Gabriella (High School Musical). Emelia had a great experience and would like to thank her family, friends and director for all the help!



Arielle
Benjamin

*as Lady Peale/Sailor/
Steward*

Ari is a sophomore at Geneva, and this is her fifth show with this theater department. Ari has been acting since she was little. Some highlights of her acting career include performing in Aladdin (Jasmine), Marvel Spotlight (Squirrel and Atli), and The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Ari loves being in this show and hopes you enjoy.



Mia
Bruno

*as Young Ismay/British Journalist/
Witness*

This is Mia's fifth show at the high school and her first speaking role. She is a senior who has participated in 'How To Succeed in Business Without Even Trying', 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame', 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', and others. She has also been involved in tech. She is thrilled that you came to see the show and hopes you enjoy. Thank you for coming!

WHO'S WHO



Kate Wood

as Vivian

Kate is so excited to be in her second theater production at GHS! You may have recently seen Kate on the Geneva stage as Squirrel Girl in Marvel Spotlight. She's also enrolled in the Paramount School of the Arts Musical Theater Institute where she continues her Musical Theater training. Kate would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her.



Mia DeMarco

Student Director

Mia is a senior at GHS and is so excited to be student directing her second show! Some of her favorite shows she has been apart of includes The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind, and Marvel Spotlight. She is so proud of this amazing cast and hopes you enjoy the show!



Maddie Johnson

Student Director

Maddie is excited to student direct The Last Lifeboat. Over the past nine years her favorite roles are Margot (The Diary of Anne Frank), Genie (Aladdin), Mrs. Gloop (Willy Wonka), Nala (Lion King), and Lucy (Charlie Brown Christmas). Maddie would like to thank everyone involved with putting on this spectacular show! She hopes you enjoy the performance!



WHO'S WHO



Annie PolICASTRO *as Farrelly/Mother*

Annalise is so excited to be in her fourth GHS theatre production! She was previously in *Marvel Spotlight*, *The Internet is Distract- Oh Look A Kitten!*, and *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*. Annalise would like to thank her friends and family for their never-ending support, her castmates that made this experience memorable, and God for making all of this possible.



Saed Porcayo *as JJ Astor/Boatswain*

Saed Porcayo is a Senior here at Geneva Community High School and this is his first show he's been a part of! He has been looking forward to being a part of the GHS Theatre program and is excited to have this experience debuting as the role of JJ Astor. "I'm super grateful to be apart of such a wonderful cast!"



Dain Reiner *as JP Morgan/Angry Man*

Returning for his third winter showcase at GHS and sixth overall GHS production, Dain is delighted to take part in "The Last Lifeboat" as coldhearted businessman J.P. Morgan, as well as various ensemble roles. He hopes you enjoy the heart-wrenching story and drama of this showcase. To his fellow cast and crew he wishes "break a leg!"



Kaylee Skeens *as Mrs. Ryerson/Chairman*

Kaylee is overjoyed to be performing in this beautiful play. Her favorite roles to play in her theatre career were Snartnoggin in *Squirrel Girl Goes to College*, Madame de la Grande Bouche in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Miss Honey in *Matilda*! Kaylee hopes to study acting when she graduates and pursue that after college. Her advice: grab some tissues and enjoy the show!



Cameron Winsininski *as Capt. Smith/Gonzalo*

This is Cameron's first show at GHS as a freshman. He is excited to be apart of this show and to participate in Geneva theatre.

WHO'S WHO



Nate Carlson *as J. Bruce Ismay*

Nate Carlson is a senior who is thrilled to be partaking in *The Last Lifeboat*. He is incredibly dedicated to the character of J. Bruce Ismay and has crafted a performance that he hopes you enjoy.



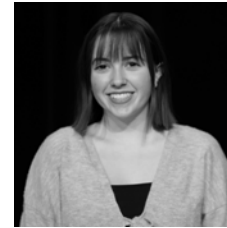
Brenden Dodds *as William Randolph Hearst*

Brenden is excited to be in his final play at GHS. He has been in over 10 productions including, *A Missummer Night's Dream*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and most recently in the *Marvel Spotlight* shows. He would like to thank everyone involved in putting this show together. Enjoy!



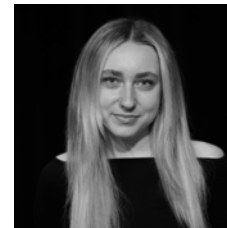
Talia Eichelberger *as Murdoch/Althorp*

Talia is excited to be "The Last Lifeboat" and had fun learning a British and Scottish accent. Previously she played Micah in "The Internet is Distract-OH LOOK A KITTEN", Miss Hannigan in "Annie", and the Fairy Godmother in "Twinderella". She would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive and always coming to her performances.



Tess Engerman *as Angela/Dr. Grenfell*

Tess, a Junior, is thrilled to be a part of *The Last Lifeboat*. Tess has been in *Marvel Spotlights* as Ellisiv, *Diary of Anne Frank* as Anne, and *Hunchback of Notre Dame* as a Gargoyle. Tess is also Captain of the GHS Speech Team and skis with the Alpine Club. Tess would like to thank the hardworking Director and Student Directors for making this show magical!



Avery Fink *as Mrs. Astor/Mrs. Chase*

Avarey Fink is a Sophomore at Geneva and this is her 2nd show at the school, playing Mrs. Astor/Mrs. Chase. Some of her favorite roles includes Karen in *Mean Girls* and Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*. She is so excited for everyone to come see this awesome show!

WHO'S WHO



Addisyn Ganz

as Florence

Addisyn Ganz is a Junior at Geneva High School. She is involved in theatre inside and outside of school. Some of her favorite roles include Cady Heron in Mean Girls. (Stageworks). Veronica Sawyer in Heathers. (Stageworks). And Florika in The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (Geneva High School). She also enjoys choreographing shows for community theatres surrounding Geneva!



Lauren Gates

as Lightoller/Franklin

Lauren Gates is a 17-year-old senior. She discovered her love for acting and singing in middle school. She has performed in several shows and her favorite role so far has been Anastasia in Disney's Cinderella. Lauren also plays travel softball, sings in the GHS choir, and enjoys drawing and art.



Jackson Griebel

as Thomas Ismay/Butler

Jackson is thrilled to be playing both Thomas Ismay and David Butler in The Last Lifeboat. This is Jackson's second show at GHS and he is grateful to have be a part of such an amazing cast and crew.



Payton Griebel

*as Scottish Journalist/Reporter 2/
Witness*

Payton is excited for her debut in The Last Lifeboat . Payton has a love for theater and is so excited to be in her first show at GHS. She is so proud of the work that the entire cast has put into making this a great production!



Kaitlyn Huminsky

as Rector/Dr. McGee

Kaitlyn is a senior that is in her last year on stage! She has chosen a career in teaching, and hopes to incorporate her acting skills to create a classroom of fun and animation for her students! She hopes to continue theater for fun at Illinois State University.

WHO'S WHO



Sophie Julian

*as Irish Journalist/Reporter 1/
Witness*

Sophie Julian is a sophomore here at GHS, she has previously been in The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Mean Girls the Musical. Sophie is thrilled to be performing in GHS's production of The Last Lifeboat by Luke Yankee, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Daphne Law

as Old Woman/Reporter 3/Witness

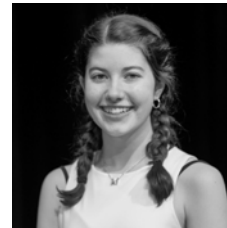
Daphne is a senior at Geneva High School. She's participated in choir for four years and also participated in last year's musical, The Hunchback of Notre Dame.



Megan McChrystal

as Sen. Fletcher/Chaplain

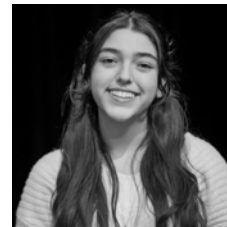
Megan is a senior at GHS and is proud to have The Last Lifeboat as her last play in her high school career. Megan would like to thank Fonti, her family and her friends for supporting her and hopes to see what new shows come her way after high school.



Meghan Monroe

as Sen. Smith/Sanderson

Meghan is thrilled to be in her 12th production at GHS. She's previously been featured as Helena in "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Annabeth in "The Lightning Thief", and Mrs. Van Daan in "The Diary of Anne Frank". She hopes you enjoy the show!



Arianna Paul

as Andrews/Mersey

Arianna is a sophomore and is very excited to be part of this year's winter play. Arianna's other performances include 10 Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse, The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Marvel Spotlight. She would like to thank her family for their support as well as Mr. Fontanetta and her castmates for making this such a fun experience. She hopes you enjoy the show!