

The Los Angeles County High
School for the Arts Presents:

The Bald Soprano!

Friday, April 9th at 7:30 pm

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SOPRANO

Directed by Brit Middleton

Assistant Directed by JJ Moore

Stage Managed by Roxy Rogle

*Los Angeles County High School for the Arts
Theatre Department presents*

The Bald Soprano

Written by Eugène Ionesco

CREW

Director.....Brit Middleton
Assistant Director.....JJ Moore
Production & Stage Manager.....Roxy Rogle

Director's Note:

The Bald Soprano is wild enough in a traditional live stage production, so it only seemed natural to bring Ionesco's work to the wonders of a virtual production.

Our production, set in the post-pandemic world, features a cast of characters that stayed in quarantine rather than reemerging into the world. This group of characters still operate in a virtual format and behave as if they were interacting in person, it is their normal. They have dinners, dates, maids all exist virtually. What's most peculiar of all - there are also our zoom gods who are fascinated with the sad, sweaty humans.

What's poignant about The Bald Soprano is that it is our commentary on the unrealistic and bonkers way of living and occurrences that our society has faced in the last year. Absurdist plays do not have logical acts or traditional character development, they instead focus on human beings in dislocated, incomprehensible scenarios and situations that feel like a bunch of nonsense. It is our expression of art imitating life.

We took our reality as an opportunity to dive head first into the absurdity. The cast has so skillfully and freely jumped into this world with ease, laughter and levity. I am in awe of the positivity, support and commitment this cast and crew gave to such a WILD piece of work. It's been a joy to laugh, play and create something that we will *hopefully* never have the chance to do in this way again.

I'm so grateful to the cast, I couldn't do it without JJ & Roxy keeping me and everyone else in line, Mrs. Hunter, Allison, Mama J, my family, and Drew for the support and encouragement to jump in and try something that terrified me.

We hope you enjoy the ride - buckle up - we are GEEK'D for you to see it.

- Brit

Cast & Crew Note:

5 Things to Know About Watching an Absurdist Play:

1. You aren't allowed to laugh
2. Everything you think you know, you don't.
1. Nothing will make sense. Do not expect to understand anything
 - A. Don't burn your house down
 - B. DO NOT PAVE OVER FAIRY CIRCLES!!!
2. You have to watch sitting on the roof of your neighbors house with your left eye closed
4. In this case, cowboy hats are your best friend
5. It's okay to be afraid
 1. Pee pee poo poo
 1. If you knew me in seventh grade, no you didn't
 - a. Bobby Watsons here
 2. Thinks are going to be confusing, and that's ok
 - C. Pick me, choose me, love me
 - d. Subway is the best food to eat during the play
 3. Respect Commercial traveling, but ONLY when the Navy's involved
 4. Make sure to put out the lights before you go bye bye's ;)
 5. What is a bald soprano?

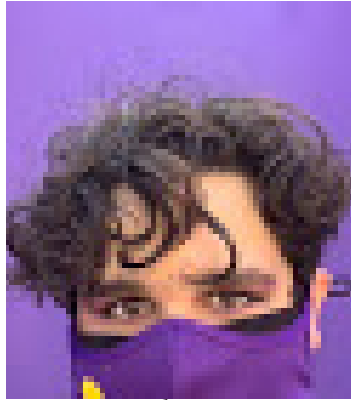
CAST

Id zoom god Dominic Domenghini
Ego zoom god David Garcia
Superego zoom god..... Millie Liao
Mrs. Smith Kaylah Copeland
Mr. Smith..... Johnny Benson
Mary Yael Jeshion-Nelson
Mrs. Martin Morgan Collins
Mr. Martin Sam Deetjen
Fire Chief..... Frances Lou O'Neill
Understudy..... Lulu Royce

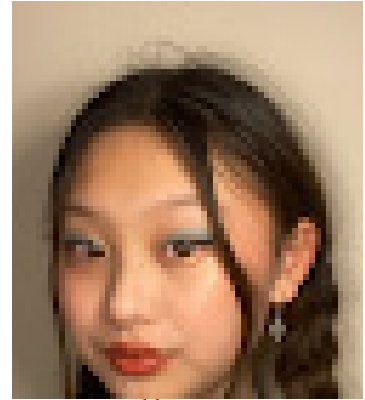
CAST HEADSHOTS



Dominic
Domenghini



David Garcia



Millie Liao



Kaylah Copeland



Johnny Benson



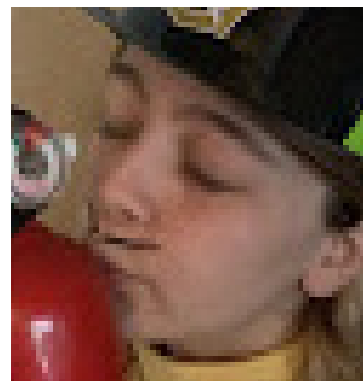
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Morgan Collins



Sam Deetjen

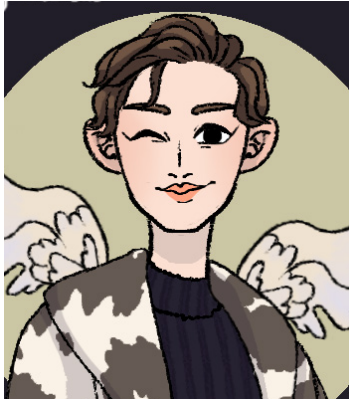


Frances
Lou O'Neill

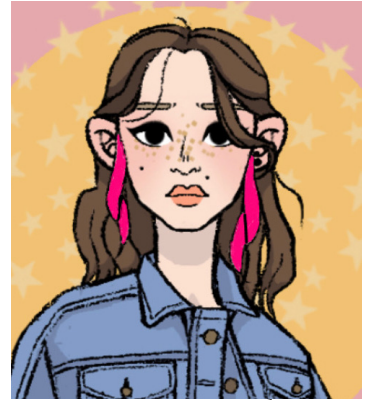
CREATIVE TEAM HEADSHOTS



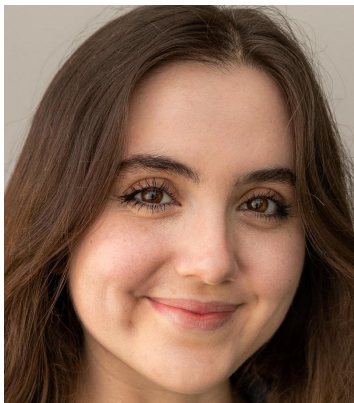
Brit Middleton



JJ Moore



Roxy Rogle



Lulu Royce

CAST BIOGRAPHIES

Dominic Amber Rose Domenghini is a senior in the Theatre department and is known for his extensive knowledge of the Barbie Cinematic Universe. TOTALLY GEEK'D to be working with Brit on The Bald Soprano; this experience is one that has taught him the wonders of Zoom and that online Theatre CAN be done. Thanks to the hard work of Brit, Roxy, and JJ this is a performance Dominic is truly excited for you to see!

David Garcia is very geek'd to be in another fantastic LACHSA production. When he's not scrolling through TikTok or going down Wikipedia rabbit holes about ancient civilizations and their mythologies, he can be found in his room, pretending it's LACHSA. As a senior in the Theatre department, this will be his last season play, and he couldn't have asked for a better experience (except maybe doing this show in senior year that wasn't stolen by a Global Pon de Replay). He is very grateful for Brit, the crew, and his fellow castmates for making this such a great last hurrah.

Millie Lee Liao is a sophomore at LACHSA who loves performing, the father, son, spirit, and Sigmund Freud. She also loves the feeling of pop rocks in her mouth, 8-D music, and being tickled. In her free time she loves to write and draw, and she would love to one day study psychology. But most of all, she loved GEEKing out with Brit and her fellow cast members throughout this entire experience.

Kaylah Copeland - woah, didn't know they were letting hotties like you in here... anyways, Kaylah is a senior in Theatre at LACHSA and is getting better and better at potty training herself everyday. She is GEEKER than GEEK'D to work with this incredible cast and directors to create this truly special piece of theatre. She would like to thank Brit and JJ for their hard work as well as her family for always being her #1 supporters.

CAST BIOGRAPHIES

Johnny Benson - After going into hiding and spending 30 days in a barrel crossing the Pacific, Johnny finally ended up in California where his new identity became a senior at the performing arts high school, LACHSA. He is TOTALLY GEEK'D to be playing Mr. Smith in the Bald Soprano, and would like to thank Brit, Roxy, JJ, and the entire cast for an extraordinarily crazy and fulfilling experience. Enjoy the Show!!!

Yael Jeshion-Nelson is a senior in the Theatre Department and she doesn't get geek'd about much, but throw a chamber pot in front of her and who knows what may happen! This production has been an absolute joy to be a part of - especially thanks to the work of Brit, Roxy, JJ and the cast. I love you all, but not as much as Mary ;)

Morgan Collins is a senior in the theatre department and she is beyond excited to portray Mrs. Martin in this production of The Bald Soprano. This is Morgan's final season play and she is geek'd to be a part of this amazing experience. Morgan would like to thank all of her peers, teachers, and directors who have shaped who she is today. Cacao trees on cacao farms don't bear coconuts; they yield cocoa. Enjoy the show!

Sam Deetjen is totally Geek'd to be playing Mr. Martin in the Bald Soprano! Bananas basketballs hula-hoops, dinosaurs. He loves eating avocados in Antarctica, peace out.

Frances Lou O'Neill is geek'd to be in her first-ever season show, The Bald Soprano, playing the alluring Fire Chief. When she isn't acting she is collecting ceramic cows, and besides acting, she wants to be a mechanic. Frances is over the moon about working with such an amazing cast, crew, and such fabulous director! She can't wait for you all to watch her shine. She also wanted to say hello to her mother.

CREATIVE TEAM

BIOGRAPHIES

Brit Middleton (Director) This is Brit Middleton's directorial debut at LACHSA and she is GEEK'd for the chance to work with this hilarious, insightful and daring cast and crew. Brit has been teaching ensemble theater for 4 years at LACHSA and so honored to go full circle with the seniors and be an observer in their growth, kindness and talent. Brit received her BFA from University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music and MBA from USC's Marshall School of Business.

J.J. Moore (Assistant Director) is super duper incredibly geek'd to assistant direct "The Bald Soprano". It has been an absolute dream to work with Brit, Roxy, and the cast. King J.J. the third would also like to thank his family, friends, and cats (Meow) for being so supportive! J.J. hopes you enjoy the show and would like to leave you with this quote "If you don't go down the water slide you never go down the water Slide" -Alexa and Katy!

Roxy Rogle (Production & Stage Manager) is TOTALLY GEEK'D to be stage managing this rambunctious production of "The Bald Soprano". Running the show with Brit, JJ, and this fantastic cast has been an absolute joy. Roxy loves performing and will do it til the day she dies! "Live free, die pretty," -rogle out!

Lulu Royce (Understudy) is incredibly GEEK'D to be the understudy for the SUPEREGO! She is living her life in blue and feeling her angel fantasy! She would like to thank Brit and JJ for their amazing directing abilities, the cast for welcoming her with open arms, and Roxy Ogle for being a wonderful stage manager. In the words of Laganja Estranja "C'MON" Bald Soprano "LETS GET SICKENING!"

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