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# Clue



**JANUARY 27, 28 & 29, 2022 -7PM**

THE NIAGARA PROSCENIUM PLAYERS OF NIAGARA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL  
*proudly present*

# Clue

*Based on the screenplay by*  
**JONATHAN LYNN**

*Written by*  
**SANDY RUSTIN**

*Additional Material by*  
**HUNTER FOSTER and ERIC PRICE**

Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture  
Based on the Hasbro board game **CLUE**

*Original Music by*  
**MICHAEL HOLLAND**

*Directed by*  
**DENNIS WILSON**

*Technical Direction by*  
**RICH  
MERANTO**

*Produced by*  
**TOM  
VITELLO**

*Sound and Lighting by*  
**RANDY RIEKER  
and NICK FAGIANI**

## Welcome to the Niagara Falls High School Performing Arts Center!

*Please familiarize yourself with the following reminders  
as a courtesy to yourself, other patrons and the performers:*

- **Masks/face coverings** must be worn at all times in the building and throughout the performance for the safety of the cast and other patrons. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Restrooms** are located in the front lobby. Please be discreet if you have to leave during the performance.
- Please **turn off all cellular phones and other electronics** as a courtesy to other patrons and the performers. Cellular frequencies will interfere with the wireless audio system used in this theatre.
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- **Thank you and enjoy the show!**

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Wadsworth.....	Manny Mejia
Yvette.....	Ava Marie Orgradowski
Miss Scarlet .....	Aaliyah Freeman
Mrs. Peacock .....	Lilu Wilson
Mrs. White .....	Carissa Ewing
Colonel Mustard.....	Evan DalPorto
Professor Plum .....	Andy Routhier
Mr. Green .....	Ayden McNeil
Mr. Boddy.....	Connor Kinney
The Cook .....	Kaelyn Walter
Singing Telegram Girl .....	Haleigh Routhier
The Motorist.....	Ayden Loebel
Chief of Police .....	Jeremiah Whitlow
The Unexpected Cop .....	Soryn Skye
Backup Cop .....	Hannah Benjella

## STAGE CREW

Stage Manager.....	Charity Hosler
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Leah Scrivano
Props.....	Haleena Reygers
Lights.....	Ashley Kinney
Stage Hands and Ushers.....	Forever Adams
	Natalie DeWeese
	Charlotte Garber
	Savannah Heller
	Alejandro Heredia-Rodriguez
	Aubrey Hoffman
	Elsa Rodriguez

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## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director ..... Dennis Wilson  
Assistant to the Director..... Keyonah Allen  
Producer ..... Tom Vitello  
Technical Director..... Rich Meranto  
Lighting and Sound Directors..... Randy Rieker and Nick Fagiani  
Costumes ..... Danielle DePalma  
Programs and Posters..... Tom Vitello  
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**CONGRATULATIONS,  
MANNY!**

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**EVAN,  
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**LOVE, YOUR FAMILY**

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- ♦ So proud of you, Carissa! - *Love, Nana Rose*
- ♦ Good luck, Soryn! Proud of you! <3 - *Aaliyah*

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- ♦ Good luck fellow cast and crew! - *Aaliyah*

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

### THE CAST

(In Alphabetical Order)

**HANNAH BENJELLA** (Backup Cop) Hannah is a freshman. She has been in chorus since the 6th grade. She enjoys bowling, listening to music, and playing video games. Although this is her first show, she is eager and a little nervous to go on stage. She would like to thank Mr. Wilson for the opportunity. She hopes to be in more shows in the future.

**EVAN DALPORTO** (Colonel Mustard) Evan is a freshmen at Niagara Falls High School. He is thrilled to make his stage debut in *Clue*. When offstage, Evan enjoys hockey, watching movies, and baseball. After High School, Evan wants to attend Notre Dame or UCLA for Business Administration of Film. Evan would like to thank his friends and family. He would also like to thank the director Mr. Wilson for giving him the opportunity.

**CARISSA EWING** (Mrs. White) Carissa is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. She planned to be in *The Wiz* as ensemble, and was in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Kate).

She is very active within the arts program at Niagara Falls High School and enjoys drawing/painting. In the future she plans to pursue a career teaching art and also further pursuing acting. She would like to thank all her family and friends for supporting her artistic dreams along with cast and crew for helping to make this show happen.

**AALIYAH FREEMAN** (Miss Scarlet) Aaliyah is a Senior and was most recently seen in the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita* where she was featured as the tango dancer and also the dance captain for the production. She was cast as a featured dancer in the Niagara Proscenium Players Production of *The Wiz* prior to the Covid-19 crisis. Aaliyah has danced for over 13 years. She would like to thank her family, friends and Elijah for their love and support.

**CONNOR KINNEY** (Boddy) Connor is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. He has been a part of several Niagara Proscenium Players Productions. He was most recently seen as The

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*Carissa, I'm so proud of the young lady you're growing up to be. You have a beautiful spirit. Continue to be unstoppable and reach for the stars. I love you! Stay blessed! - Aunt Shell*

*Emma, Break-a-leg!*  
*Sydney*

*Katelin, You go girl!!*  
*I've very proud of you!!!*  
*Love, Aunt Florence*

*Katie, So proud of you.*  
*Go get em!!!*  
*Love, Aunt Tina and Kids*

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Admiral in the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita*. He was cast as Uncle Henry in *The Wiz*. Connor is thrilled to be a part of the cast of *Clue*.

**AYDEN LOEBEL** (The Motorist)  
Ayden is a freshman. He is amazed to debut in *Clue*. When not on stage Ayden enjoys video games and sports. The only stage work he has done in the past is as a crew member for the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita*. Ayden would like to thank Mr. Wilson for the opportunity. He also thanks DJ for his friendship and support.

**AYDEN MACNEIL** (Mr. Green)  
Ayden is a junior at Niagara Falls High School. Ayden has been in a great mix of shows both in and out of High School. He has been in *Annie Jr*, *At the Bandstand*, and *Dig It!* at Abate Elementary School. In High School, Ayden has done a few shows such as *Beauty and the Beast* and *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Eugene).

**MANNY MEJIA** (Wadsworth)  
Manny is a Senior at Niagara Falls

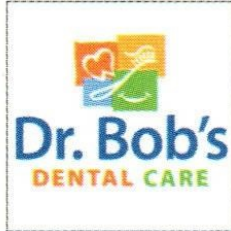
High School. Manny was previously seen in The Niagara Proscenium Players Production of *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Stanley), *The Miracle Worker* (James) and various other roles over his years in theatre. Recently Manny was nominated in the Kenny Awards for Outstanding Acting Performance. Upon graduation, Manny plans to attend Buffalo State College to further his education in theatre arts and education. He would like to thank family and friends for their support. In addition, he would like to thank the cast for their hard work. Enjoy the show!

**AVA MARIE OGRODOWSKI** (Yvette). Ava is a Freshman. She was seen in the middle school productions of *Frozen, Jr.* and was cast in *Freaky Friday* prior to the Covid-19 crisis. When not onstage, Ava hones her acting, dancing and singing skills while taking lessons. She is very sports oriented and plays softball and is a member of the NFHS Swim Team. She recently participated in Finals and Class A competitions. Ava would like to

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thank her friends and family for being supportive.

**ANDY ROUTHIER** (Professor Plum) Andy is a senior at Niagara Falls High School. Andy has been in a variety of shows in the past 5 years. He believes his best work was when he was in the *Little Mermaid, Jr.* (Sebastian) for NEP, *Once on this Island* (Ensemble), and what was going to be *The Wiz* (Wiz) at the High School. His most recent work being in the Niagara Proscenium Alumni Players of Niagara Falls High School's production of *Evita*. Andy would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him thus far, and would also like to thank the cast and crew for this wonderful opportunity. Tonight he will be playing the role of Professor Plum and is very thrilled to be in shows again. In the future Andy wishes to pursue a career in teaching performing arts.

**HALEIGH ROUTHIER** (Singing Telegram Girl) Haleigh is ecstatic about being in this production of *Clue*. Now a senior

in High School, this is Haleigh's very first play. Her past performances include Niagara Experience Players productions of *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* (Belle) and *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* (Ursula). Due to Covid, this is her first show here at NFHS and she hopes she can keep learning and improving from them. She is grateful for the support received from her parents as well as her director.

**SORYN SKYE** (Unexpected Cop) Soryn is a Freshman and is thrilled to appear onstage in *Clue*. He was part of the stage crew in the NFCSO Production of *Evita*. Soryn was on the stage crew for the middle school production of *Frozen, Jr.*

**KAELYN WALTER** (The Cook) Kaelyn is a sophomore at Niagara Falls High School. She has previously worked on the films *A Quiet Place Part 2* and *Heartbreak Falls*. This is her first High School production. Kaelyn hopes to continue her acting career after High School by attending University of Southern California for a degree in Acting for stage,

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screen, and new media. She would like to thank her friends and family for the support, and the director Dennis Wilson for the opportunity.

**JEREMIAH WHITLOW** (Police Chief) Jeremiah is a junior at NFHS. Clue marks Jeremiah's 2nd production on the Niagara Proscenium Players PAC stage. He was most recently seen in the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita*. He would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support.

**LILU WILSON** (Mrs. Peacock) Lilu is a senior in High School. She is very musically inclined, being in band for 8 years. She plays trumpet, guitar, ukulele, piano and trombone. She is currently in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Gold Jazz. She also participates in Marching and Pep Band events. Throughout her High School career, she had done a variety of shows with the Niagara Proscenium Players of Niagara Falls High School. She has been both in shows and has helped on the sidelines. Tonight she will be

playing the role of Mrs. Peacock, and is very excited to be in the show.

## THE PRODUCTION STAFF

**FOREVER ADAMS** (Stage Crew) Forever is a Senior. She has been involved in many extracurricular groups including band (4 years), Marching Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic, Liberty Program, Reach and Theatre. As a performer, she was seen in the middle school production of *Elf, Jr.* At the high school, Forever was seen in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Evita*.

**KEYONAH ALLEN** (Assistant to the Director) Keyonah is a Senior and was most recently seen as Mother Superior in the Niagara Proscenium Players Production of *Agnes of God*. Past performances include: *The Wiz* (Ensemble), *Once on this Island* (Islander), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Ensemble), *Elf The Musical* (Charlotte), *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy). Keyonah would like to thank her cast mates,

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family and friends for their support.

**CHARITY HOSLER** (Stage Manager) Charity is a sophomore. She has been involved with different Church plays and was The Duke of Welselton in the middle school production of *Frozen, Jr.* Most recently, Charity was the assistant stage manager in the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita*.

**ASHLEY KINNEY** (Light Board Operator) Ashley is a Junior and is thrilled to be working on another NFHS Production. Ashley was the light board operator for the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita*. When not working on shows, Ashley loves to spend time reading and watching TV. Ashley would like to give thanks to the cast, crew and her family for all the support.

**RICH MERANTO** (Technical Director) is in his 30th year of teaching at Niagara Falls High School. He teaches media production and helps the student in the program run the Our Schools Channel, OSC. Rich is

also the head coach of three Varsity sports at NFHS (Girls Soccer, Indoor and Outdoor track). As a tech director, Rich has built apartments, high school gyms, swimming pools, houses, apartments for homeless people, cruise ships, sports cars, small Russians villages (again), giant hairspray cans, schools, night clubs, burger stands, radio stations, courtrooms, French barricades, bridges, trains, libraries, restaurants, a town in Iowa, embassies, and even four hair salons . When he isn't doing all that he's probably watching Doctor Who. Most recently, Rich began with his family, Meranto Media, Inc., a company that helps cities, towns, school districts, churches, theatres, and small businesses design, create, and install a small media production studio which can produce and broadcast their events and programming for platforms like Facebook, YouTube, cable access channels and websites. <http://www.merantomedia.com>.

**HALEENA REYGERS** (Props Master) Haleena is a Junior at

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NFHS. You may know her from her roles in *At The Bandstand* (Janice), *Annie, Jr.* (Annie) and *Elf Jr.* (Josie). Haleena has been in school choirs since 4th grade. Haleena is thrilled to be a part of this production of *Clue*. She would like to thank the cast for being a wonderful group of people. Also a thank you to the director and producers for everything you did for this production to happen.

**LEAH SCRIVANO** (Assistant Stage Manager) Leah is a sophomore. She most recently was the ASM in the NFCSD Alumni Production of *Evita*. As a performer, she has appeared in the middle school productions of *Lion King Jr.* (Sarabi), *Frozen Jr.* (Sven), *Freaky Friday* (Ensemble).

**TOM VITELLO** (Producer) is currently a Spanish teacher at Niagara Falls High School. Tom graduated from the State University of New York College at Buffalo in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Spanish Secondary Education

and a Master of Science Degree in Education in May of 2000. Tom is also a 1995 graduate of Niagara County Community College where he earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts/Humanities - Social Science. Tom's has over 100 theatre credits to his name including: *Anything Goes!*, *The Pajama Game*, *Guys and Dolls*, *A Chorus Line*, *Forum*, *The Music Man*, *Grease*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Godspell*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Company*, *Pippin*, *The Man of La Mancha*, *Evita*, *Children of Eden*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Barry Manilow's Copacabana*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Les Misérables*, *Chicago*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, *Ragtime*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Addams Family*, *Hairspray* and *West Side Story*. Other music credits include: *Handel's Messiah*, *Berlioz' Messe Sollenelle*, *Mahler's Symphony 8 - Symphony for a Thousand*, *Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture*, and other selected works all performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Holy Trinity Lutheran Concert

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Choir. Tom served as the Music Director, Arranger and Studio Musician for two CD recordings, *My Father's Hymns* and *Broadway and Beyond*, by local artist Lee Stevens. In 2008, Tom performed in concert with Grammy Award Winner Kenny Loggins at Artpark. Tom has worked with the Drama Clubs of Lewiston-Porter, Starpoint, and Niagara Falls High School and has been on the production staff for several musical theatre productions at NCCC. Tom served as the Drama Club Advisor / Director for Niagara Catholic from 2000 to 2006. For the Fall 2005 semester, Tom was the Musical Director for the theatre department of Niagara County Community College. Tom proudly is co-founder of the Niagara Falls City School District Theatre Hall of Fame. In 2019, he was Co-Vocal Director at City Honors School in Buffalo for their production of *Mamma Mia!* Most recently, Tom was the Executive Producer of a new web series on YouTube that was written by his friend and colleague, Dennis Wilson,

entitled, *The Therapist*, for which he also composed and recorded all the underscoring and theme song. He would like to thank his husband, Jacob for being so supportive and patient with always needing to be at work so late and for always working the box office for every one of the NFHS theatre productions.

### **DENNIS WILSON** (Director)

Dennis was born and raised in Niagara Falls, NY. He attended La Salle Senior High School and received a BA in English and Theatre Arts from Niagara University and a MEd in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University. Upon graduation from NU, Dennis became heavily involved in community theatre in Buffalo, NY. He relocated to New York City in 1995 and was immediately cast in theatrical productions. The next few years found Dennis engrossed in a professional acting career. He was blessed to be able to become a member of Actor's Equity Association (AEA).

Dennis has performed in productions of: The National and Canadian Touring Companies of

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*Five Guys Named Moe* (Little Moe). Regional Credits include: *Once On This Island* (Papa Ge), *Toys In The Attic* (Gus), *Ain't Misbehavin* (Andre), *The Zoo Story* (Peter), *A Chorus Line* (Mike), *Cabaret* (Kit Kat Girl), *West Side Story* (Luis), *Dutchman* (Clay), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Apostle), *Hair* (Tribe Member). Dennis is an accomplished choreographer, having staged productions of *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Ragtime*, *The Wiz*, *Cabaret*, *West Side Story*, *The King and I*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In 2005, Dennis founded Dendewil Productions, a theatrical company

whose mission is to engage audiences minds long after they have left the theatre. Dennis also humbly adds the title of author to his list of credits, having written and self-published three books: *My Void My Voice* (Poetry 2012), *Eros Dennis* (Poetry 2013) and *Morning Coffee Thoughts* (Positive Affirmations 2016). Most recently, Dennis wrote his first web series, *The Therapist*, which had its world premiere on October 25, 2021. He wrote, directed and produced the series over the course of the past year. Subscribe to Dennis Anthony Wilson on YouTube to see the full season! He is also the self-proclaimed number one fan of

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Good evening,

The magic and power of theatre is alive and well and thriving at Niagara Falls High School. Over the past two years, we've experienced the closings of theatres and shows all over the world due to the pandemic. I am so happy to say to you...Welcome to the Niagara Proscenium Players Production of *Clue*. Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. In the past

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we have brought you amazing dramas with deep, powerful and meaningful stories and characters. I thought it was important (especially during this time) that we bring you a show that will make you laugh. I think that the sound of laughter is one of the most beautiful sounds there is and boy oh boy could we all use a little laughter these days. Over the summer I spent an afternoon at home on a movie binge. As I scrolled the list of films to watch, Clue came across the screen. It had been years since I've seen it so I decided to tune in. I spent the next 90 minutes laughing hysterically and I thought "Oh we so have to do this show!" As artists I believe that we have a responsibility to educate and entertain through the stories that we tell. Often times society turns to the arts to "escape". I chose to do Clue for that very reason. This pandemic has left us all wanting to break out and enjoy life even more than we did before. For me it starts with laughter. Laughter one of the greatest gifts one can give to another. The cast of Clue is excited to bring that gift to you.

From my spirit to yours, thank you for spending an evening with us and our goal is to make you feel good and laugh through the mask!

Enjoy the show!!!

Dennis Wilson

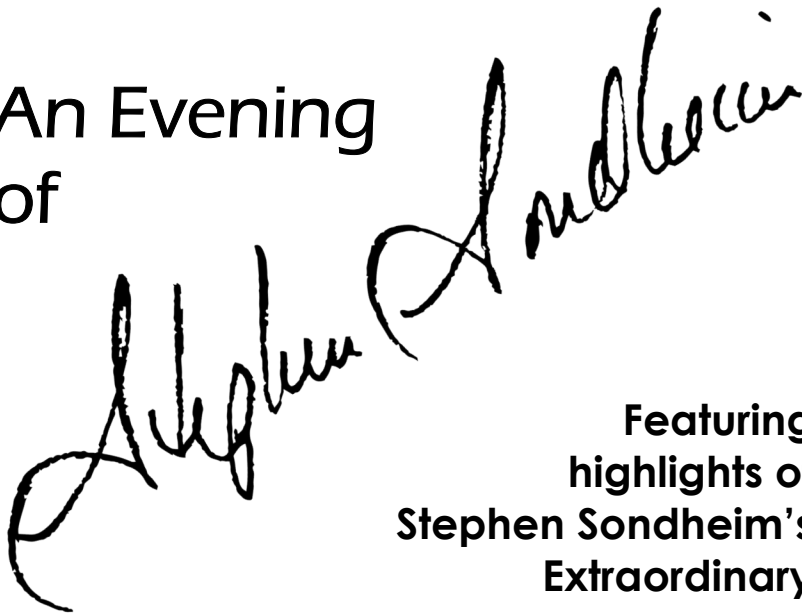
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