

THE RMHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

THE GREAT GATSBY

based on the novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald & adapted by The Company

DIRECTED BY MRS. NATALIE CUNHA
ASSISTANT DIRECTED BY MS. KATIE DONOVAN

FRI FEB 9TH & SAT FEB 10TH @ 7:30PM
SUN FEB 11TH @ 2:00 PM
RMHS ENDSLOW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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Director's Note

This season the RMHS Drama Club has been exploring stories that are “Banned and Bard”, stories that at one time challenged its audiences, and now are seen as seminal classics. From Shakespeare to F. Scott Fitzgerald, authors push the very buttons that society needs to examine how we are living. Only history gives us the perspective to see how vital a role art plays in changing the world for the better. If we silence the dissenting voices we are doomed to repeat our mistakes.

This story, which high schools across the nation now include within their English curriculum, is such a rich example of a story that played this role. It challenged the over glorified ‘American Dream’. It took a harsh look at would be heroes and the false idols of wealth and greed. It foreshadowed the fall from the roaring jazz age into America’s Great Depression.

The process of adapting this novel to the stage has been a journey. The cast and crew equally took to their roles to bring the stories most important characters and elements to the stage, and designing and researching the world of the play. Together they have brought their insight, vulnerability and incredible skill into each and every moment you will see. Telling this story felt more than relevant. but necessary in our world today filled with trending and ever changing fads. Therefore, this performance was painstakingly workshopped to create a script and a show we are all so proud of. It was our utmost objective to do service to this novel; it’s imagery, poetry and message. What we share with you now is a truly collaboration of our artistic community.

As you travel along with Nick Caraway, through his memories of the summer of 1922, you will see the world Jay Gatsby created as it appears and disappears, revealing that all that glitters is not gold, and leaves idols fallen from their pedestals. In the haunting shadows of the familiar green light of ambition all of us must choose along with our narrator, to turn our backs to it or get lost within it. We humbly offer our take on this classic and hope you enjoy the show.

Natalie Cuhna

Director

RMHS Drama Club Advisor

Cast

Nick Carraway.....	Ben Goldlust
Daisy Buchanan.....	Lauren Cook
Jordan Baker.....	Isabella Saggese
Tom Buchanan.....	Tj Korwan
George Wilson.....	Dante DiSerio
Myrtle Wilson.....	Amara Psychos
Catherine.....	Zoe McLaughlin-Shostak
Mr. McKee/Michaelis.....	Kyle DuRoss
Mrs. McKee/Operator.....	Emma Mahoney
Celine.....	Jess Santili
Lucille.....	Ryla Demers
Wolfsheim.....	Aiden Kiley
Dorothea Stone.....	Chloe Walker
Clyde Cohen.....	Quinn Synnott
Nella Orchid.....	Caitlyn Kasper
Farina Montgomery.....	Devyn Ahlert
Florence Ellen.....	Meredith Upton
Roy Wilkins.....	Noah Bocelli
Maura A Flink.....	Thea Cunha
Cecil Roebuck/Gardener.....	Kaleb Brady
Owl Eyes.....	Hope Duffy
Jay Gatsby.....	Henry Myatt
Butler.....	Alex Carroll
Henry Gatz.....	Cole Grant

Understudies

Nick Carraway.....	Quinn Synnott
Daisy Buchanan.....	Ryla Demers
Jordan Baker.....	Jess Santili
Tom Buchanan.....	Aiden Kiley
Jay Gatsby.....	Cole Grant

Production Staff and Crew

Director.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Stage Lighting Supervisor/Technical Director...Mr. Kevin Gerstner	
Costume Design.....	Ms. Sue Brown
Assistant Director.....	Ms. Katie Donovan
Stage Manager.....	Sadie Patalano
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Natalie Austin & Isla Lusk
Student Assistant Director/Dramaturg.....	Jason Walsh
Student Assistant Director.....	Will O'Connor
Scenic Paint Charge.....	Eli Schanck
Student Lighting Design.....	Paul Sorgi
Student Lead Electrician.....	Natalie Kiernan
Light Board Operator.....	Lily O'Callaghan
Student Sound Design.....	Oliver Galiza
Lead Audio.....	Myles Lakin
Asst. Audio.....	Kate Vieira
Volunteer Audio.....	Blake Thomas
Lead Props/Deck Crew.....	Daija Forero
Asst. Props/Deck Crew.....	Kate Whalen
Props Crew/Deck Crew.....	Lucas Reis
Volunteer Props.....	Carl Schanck
Wardrobe/Hair/Makeup Crew.....	Katherine Denny, Michael Scanlon, Alana Doroquez, Ashlyn Spezzaferro, & Natalie Medeiros
Production Assistant.....	Justin Raimo
Lobby Coordinator.....	Olivia Mullen
Lobby Crew.....	Maureen Manning & Lilyana Madden

Production Staff and Crew

Electrics Crew

Natalie Austin, Ryla Demers, Alana Doroquez,
Kyle DuRoss, Gianna Gagliardi, Natalie Kiernan, Myles Lakin, Isla
eLusk, Lilyana Madden,
Mauren Manning, Lily O'Callaghan, Sadie Patalano,
Lucas Reis, Isabella Saggese, Paul Sorgi,
Jason Walsh, & Kate Whalen

Program Design.....Sadie Patalano & Mrs. Gina O'Connor
Graphic Design.....Bethany McGrath
Set Construction.....The Cast, Crew, & Parent Volunteers
Set Construction Coordinator.....Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Set Build Parent Coordinators.....Mr. Sean O'Connor
& Mr. Josh Goldlust
Set Build Volunteers.....Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Goldlust,
Mr. Raimo, Mr. Mullen,
Mr. Korwan, Mr. DuRoss,
Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Kiene,
Mr. & Mrs. Whalen,
Mr. Kasper, Mr. Forero,
Mr. Lakin, & Mr. Doroquez

Drama Club Officers

President.....	Sadie Patalano
Vice-President.....	Will O'Connor
Secretary.....	Justin Raimo
Treasurer.....	Paul Sorgi
Historian.....	Tj Korwan

Class Representatives

Senior.....	Isabella Saggese
Junior.....	Ryla Demers
Sophomore.....	Ben Goldlust
Freshman.....	Ravi Finberg
Drama Club Faculty Advisor.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha

Parents Supporting Student Theatre (PSST)

Co-Presidents.....	Mrs. Kate Goldlust & Mrs. Anne Korwan
Secretary.....	Mrs. Corey Olson
Treasurer.....	Mr. Josh Goldlust
Publicity.....	Mrs. Gina O'Connor
Fundraising.....	Mrs. Kristina Patalano
Ticket Sales.....	Mrs. Kathryn Cook & Mrs. Christine Deserio
Refreshments.....	Ms. Etain O'Dea & Mrs. Rachael Nokes
Drama Grams.....	Mrs. Linda Kiene and Mrs. Merri DuRoss
Raffles.....	Mr. Ed Thomas

Our Mission Statement

The Reading Memorial High School Drama Club offers challenging, diverse productions with quality on-stage and off-stage training. Our program nurtures aspiring actors and technicians at every level, fostering a caring environment where all students can flourish. The drama club uses the power of live theatre to educate, inform, and entertain members of the school community and the residents of the greater Reading area.

With Gratitude...

*...we could not do what we do
without the generosity and support of others.*

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Dr. Sarah Hardy, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching
Dr. Jennifer Stys, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Dr. Derek Pinto, Director of Finance & Operations
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Ms. Kristyn Cohen, Payroll and Personnel
Ms. Jessica Callanan RMHS Principal
Ms. Jessica Theriault, RMHS Assistant Principal
Ms. Kadi Buckley, RMHS Assistant Principal
Mr. Tommy Zaya, RMHS Assistant Principal of Activities
Ms. Meredith Flanigan, RMHS Assistant Principal
Ms. Rachel Digiorgio, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Kathy Kinney, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Sam Reynolds, Mr. Jim Morley
Mr. Kevin Gerstner, Facilities
Mr. Stephen MacDonald
Ms. Kendall Brown
Ms. Jackie Cole
Ms. Leigh Barrett
Mr. Charles Strout & the Robockets 4761
Coolidge Middle School Drama, Parker Middle School Drama
The Reading Chronicle, Readings Magazine, The Reading Patch
The Reading Fire Department
GBL Vending
PSST Board, Coordinators, and parent volunteers

Special shoutout to Bethany McGrath for the beautiful artwork
designed for our full 2023-2024 season

**Thank you so much for everything you do!
The RMHS Drama Club**





The RMHS Drama Club is going to DramaFest!

The Massachusetts High School Drama Festival is a competitive program that typically includes 112 one-act plays produced by member high schools. The competition is organized across three levels – preliminary, semi-final and State Finals. Student excellence in acting and technical design is recognized at each level. Of the 112 one-act plays that enter the festival, fourteen will be selected as State Finalists, of which three will be named winners. Two schools chosen from the State Finalists will go on to represent Massachusetts in the New England Drama Festival, the regional showcase of secondary school theatre.

Come see *The Great Gatsby* one more time – and support the drama club!

Preliminary Round
March 2nd at 4:30 pm
Westford Academy
30 Patton Road, Westford



Feedback

The Drama Club would love YOUR FEEDBACK before we bring *The Great Gatsby* to DramaFest. We would appreciate you taking a moment to fill in this audience feedback form!



PSST

Thank You!

Thank you to the RMHS Drama Club and the many parent volunteers who helped get *The Great Gatsby* to the stage. An advance shout out for the support that the Drama Club will surely receive on their DramaFest journey that begins next month!

Special thanks to Natalie Cuhna, Katie Donovan, David Mosher, Kevin Gertsner, and Sue Brown!



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PSST is a 501(c) organization. Donations are welcome and will be used toward the enrichment and scholarship of our program.

Contact us psstofficers@gmail.com