The STA/NCS Thespian Society
Presents
Anti-Social

by Don Zolidis
A Hybrid Virtual Cinema Production

Friday, November 20th @ 7:30 PM
Saturday, November 21st @ 7:30 PM
Artistic Production Staff

Director: Mark Bishop
Production Design: Greg Lampasona
Costume Design: Anne Liberman
Technical Direction: Greg Lampasona
Production Coordinator: Maddie King*
Poster and Program Art: Mark Bishop

(*) - denotes a member of The Thespian Society. Membership is earned by working a total of 100 hours on two or more Upper School productions.

Director’s Notes

We have a very active Thespian Society Troupe on the Close. Nearly twenty percent of our Upper School students are involved in production work in some fashion during the course of the year. At the start of this year we have forty three active members of our Thespian Troupe with more who will join the ranks after this production. It is wonderful that so many of our students are engaged in the art and craft of making theater to share with our so very supportive audiences!

There is no doubt that our work this fall has been new and challenging for all of us. Our cast members all received green screens, ring lights, and wireless earbuds, and we asked everyone to create a Zoom studio somewhere in their house. It took us a while to get everything up and running as smoothly as possible.

We broke down each of our short plays into four shots and we rehearsed and filmed one shot each week. So, it was more like shooting a movie than rehearsing a play, and that was a new experience for all of us.

While we certainly all would prefer to be in Trapier Theater for our production work, everyone was in good spirits during our rehearsal/production period and we are excited to share our “Virtual Hybrid Cinema” experience with you all!
**Parental Oversight**

Mom  Julia Sherman*
Dad  Matthew Merrill*
Allia  Fiona Herbold*
Magda  Lucy Purvis

Julia Sherman and Matthew Merrill are so so so so so happy to present their short play to the world. Their love on stage, well not on stage because of Zoom, but not off stage; love as in love in the play is only separated by the distance due to the Coronavirus. But as a famous poet said, “distance only makes the heart grow fonder.” Social...distance that is. In all seriousness, the distance the two are really referring to is the distance between the two and Trapier theatre, home of some of the school’s finest performances, aside from this one of course. Matthew’s pet peeves: long bios for plays. Julia’s pet peeves: bios that try too hard to be funny. Both of their pet peeves: the phrase “when not on stage...”. The two are eager to make their big return to the physical stage soon, but until then, they hope you enjoy this fantastic production.

Fiona Herbold is excited to be in her sixth show at NCS! Besides doing theater, Fiona can be found baking cookies and driving around to nowhere. She would like to thank her sister for letting her use her room for the green screen, and her cat for knocking the green screen over in the middle of the night. Hope you enjoy the show!

Lucy Purvis, a junior, is ecstatic to be back in action, taking on the role of Magda! Having acted in every show in her years at NCS, Lucy was excited to tackle the challenges of zoom theatre and learning an Eastern European accent of ambiguous national origin. When not fixing the lighting on her green screen, she can be found working on physical or digital paintings and rewatching the great british bake-off. She hopes you enjoy the play!

**The Price Of YouTube Fame**

Toni  Lily Snyder*
Drake  Nico Cantrell*
Jamieson  Jake Fife*
Mom  AnnaSophia Nicely

Lily Snyder is a junior at NCS. She is excited to be starring in the first online production. She enjoys soccer, sleeping and eating and she hopes that the messages in these films are taken to heart but with humor. Enjoy the show!

Nico Cantrell has really embraced the virtual setting and decided to method act as a YouTuber. While he is only an aspiring creator, unlike his character who has a million subscribers, he has been working hard along with his busy schedule to produce content on "The Nzwt Channel". He is excited to bring you the show and continue his career as a thespian, enjoy and don't forget to subscribe

Jake Fife is a sophomore in his fourth production in the upper school. Last year, Jake was in the productions of *The Laramie Project*, *Urinetown*, and the Dance Gala. He has also done productions in middle school and many dance performances outside of school. Jake has always loved theater, whether on the stage or in the audience, and he enjoys singing and listening to music. Jake hopes you enjoy the show!

AnnaSophia Nicely, commonly referred to as Ani by teachers and peers (level of consent to this is debatable), is very excited to be a part of this experimental virtual production. She has a varying success rate when it comes to experimental endeavors, but she hopes this comes out on the right side. Ani has always enjoyed creating creative content to share with others, ad she hopes that this comedic set of plays will bring you joy.
Isabel Hohenlohe (12) is very excited to be playing Maggie in Trolls! She thoroughly enjoyed her time surrounding herself with real-life trolls and trying not to look at the computer the entire time. When not in front of her green screen that she always forgot to turn off before class, Isabel loves leading Sarsaparilla and being on dance team. Enjoy the show!

Arya Balian is so excited to be a part of the Upper School Play this fall! Even in a virtual environment, she still built a community and had lots of fun. She wants to tell everyone to look out for Trolls(z), both the internet version and the play! When she's not in rehearsal, you can find Arya either taking voice lessons or teaching voice lessons. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Zachary Cantrell would be ecstatic about performing in his third thespian society production, but he is currently incredibly offended at all of Facebook because someone called him a "tr*ll." I mean like, that is such an offensive term, and whoever said it should totally be cancelled. Like just because he "spread false information," and "got someone arrested on false charges," doesn't mean he's a "tr*ll." When not putting down the haters, Zachary can be found swimming or sleeping, and not much else.

Teddy Palmore is so excited to participate in this virtual production! He has enjoyed wearing a brightly colored wig and hideous tye-dye shirt for his part of Mondo the troll.

On his last bio for a fall play, Mekhi Love welcomes you to the show. Between the hourly coffee breaks and long hours with no overtime, he enjoys singing early 2000’s music out of tune, pretending to be an art major, and playing games with friends (albeit unsuccessfully). Mekhi is unfortunately responding right now to a couple of calls about how Canada doesn’t exist but he wishes you enjoy the show!

David Donoghue is quite, very, notably excited!

Natalie Minor is very excited to be in her second virtual production and fifth Upper School show. Although it is not the play she imagined, she can now proudly say that she can set up a green screen (even though it takes about 30 minutes). When she is not taking selfies with her ring light, Natalie can be found yelling at Mr. Bishop for interrupting her recordings; joining Julia, Fiona, and Maddy in their breakout room; and waiting for her computer to download the recordings at the pace of a snail. She hopes everyone enjoys this production and would like to thank her sister for taking up her basement, forcing her to record in her room.
Jorge Guajardo is ecstatic to be compromised by a CIA asset summoned by Pinterest. He hopes you enjoy the [redacted].

Under the most ordinary circumstances of any year in human history, Eleanor Boomhower takes the stage (which is actually the one unoccupied side of her now multipurpose room) to yell at her bulletin board. We’re not entirely sure why, but hearing the same argument with an inanimate object night after night sure does stress her mother out. Eleanor is a senior now, and out of the eight Upper School shows she’s been in, this one is undoubtedly the most unique. She would like to thank her sister Greta for resisting the temptation to come in while she’s rehearsing to look at the green screen. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Aurelia Cors is excited to perform in her second production as a National Cathedral School student. She loved being in the musical, Urinetown, last year and was excited to participate in this play. She has enjoyed rehearsing as McQuaid and a Follower. Aurelia wants to thank her parents and brother for helping to pick up and set up her green screen and being quiet and accommodating during rehearsals at home. She is excited to be part of this production and she hopes you have fun and enjoy the performance. Thanks for watching!

Erick Buendia, Form V, is excited to be participating in the fall play

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Sarah Muoio is thrilled for her eighth performance on the Close. When not in virtual rehearsal, she can be found on her computer, on her phone, or watching the Great British Baking Show with her dad. She would like to thank her Wi-Fi router, for only sometimes failing her, Netflix Originals, and her two cats (George and Izzy) for keeping her sane. Sarah is so excited for her debut on the green screen and hopes you enjoy the show!

Stella-Grace is excited to be in her first online production and Upper School play. When not frantically setting up her fallen greenscreen two minutes before the rehearsal zoom, she can be found watching old snl skits on Youtube. She was also in Urinetown last year, and she hopes you enjoy the show :)
Aarushi Hill is so excited to be in her first upper school production, even though she definitely wishes it could’ve been in person! At her old school, she was a part of all the productions where she acted in some and helped with costumes in others. She also wanted to apologize to her brother for taking up the entire basement with her green screen and yelling at him to get out whenever she had to rehearse ;)

Katie Keeley is so excited to be part of her second show with the NCS/STA Thespian Society! When not acting over Zoom, Katie can be found at school over Zoom, singing over Zoom, playing games with friends over Zoom, or swimming (in person, because it would be difficult over Zoom.) She’d like to thank her parents for dealing with the awkward timing of rehearsals and her castmates for making them entertaining. She hopes you enjoy the show!

HI, this is Max Bean. I am a sophomore at STA and enjoy reading in my free time. This is my first Upper school performance and I am so excited! I did a couple of performances in the lower school, all of which I enjoyed. I thank everyone on the cast who put up with me and my horrendous schedule. Thanks a bunch and see you at the production!

Ariana Thornton is so excited to be part of Anti-Social! While not in rehearsal, she probably has another song stuck in her head. She would like to thank everyone for their support, and hopes you enjoy the show!

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William Barbee was not accustomed to acting in front of a green screen when he started this production. Being confined to a 4x4 ft box as a 6 ft, 170lbs charismatic athlete with a passion for over-the-top acting left him with quite the challenge. When considering the subject matter of his play - a deranged, introverted hermit quietly going insane in a desolate wasteland with a wishy-washy nerd - how could he not project himself? Overtime, however, he learned how to restrain his movements, as well as gain a deeper understanding of his character (not so much a hermit... maybe more of a 'misunderstood modern gentleman'?). He met some good people, had a laugh or two, and (of course) gained a BRAND new, EXTREMELY high tech, (POSSIBLY borrowed graciously from Mr. Bishop) COMPUTER, which his teacher's can vouch is a high improvement over the garble that was his previous class participation. He hopes you enjoy this smashing program, and remember- we'll all be back in Trapier soon.

While her character Kathy is torn between the virtual and real world, Alyssa Bui is most definitely not and misses in-person productions in the real world. However, she is thrilled to be in her first upper school play—even if it isn’t in Trapier! She hopes you enjoy the show!

Kaitlyn Bell is excited to be in her first-ever Upper School production! She would like to thank her parents for lending her their bedroom to use as her very own green screen room for rehearsals. When she is not joining every zoom class one minute late, so she’s not the first one there, Kaitlyn can be found binging Grey’s Anatomy. While she wishes we could all be in person, she hopes you enjoy the unconventional show!
Madeline King is excited to *air quotes* stage manage her third upper school production. Without a physical stage to manage and with mute buttons making it much easier to force the actors to be quiet “backstage” she can often be found causing the most distractions. Although Antisocial was an experience, she really misses the in person aspect of theater. Enjoy the show!
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