



Still to come in 2021...

- Outdoor Movie Night: May 1
- One final production: date TBD
- Thespies: Week of May 24
- Panera Restaurant Night: May 25
- Cappies Gala (virtual): June 13

Mr. Walker,

We want you to know how much we appreciate you continuing to offer students the opportunity to experience theatre, despite the challenges of COVID.

thank
you!

Hats Off to our...
ETC Seniors!

EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE

BY LINDSAY PRICE

Edison Theatre Company
Thomas A. Edison High School
Alexandria, VA



April 30, 2021 • 7:00 pm & 7:30 pm

ABOUT THE PLAY

EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE concerns strangers who cross paths in a train station, each one dealing with their own hang-ups, issues, stress, or situation. A new person enters the station and challenges the strangers to face their fears and let go of their “emotional baggage.” Will they be able to let go and move on when their train arrives? The hallmark of this performance is that it contains no spoken dialogue; the actors all perform their characters in silence. There are two versions of this performance: The VHSL cast (filmed earlier in the month) and the so-called “Friends and Family Cast,” where we switched out the actors in certain roles, as noted below. Also, sophomore Cesar Canales, who was new to Edison this year, composed and produced the musical score created specifically for this production. Creative and dramatic talents about here at Edison!

DIRECTED BY JEFF WALKER

Produced through special arrangement with Theatrefolk (theatrefolk.com)

CAST

(in order of appearance)*

- Dead End Job**.....Ainsley McClure / Xavier Rose)
- Living in the Past**.....Isabelle Anderson
- Insecure about Looks**.....Charlotte Chozick / Lauren Govert)
- Can't Get Over First Love**Kailee St John / Corina Briscoe)
- The Man (the First Love)**Max Heltzer
- Overbearing Mother**Porter Bertman
- Mother**Catherine Walt
- Chip on Shoulder about Weight**...Campbell Wood
- Getting Over Heart Attack (workaholic)** Siona Shishak
- Well Rounded**Natalie Laclede / Jada Paul

CREW

- Music and Sound.....Cesar Canales
- Stage Manager.....Aiden Yancy

**First name denotes VHSL Cast; second name denotes Friends & Family Cast*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- Sue Chozick, *ETC website*
- Rick Endres, *Video Production*
- Erika and Terry McClure, *Box Office Management*
- Allyne Tootle / Genni Shishak, *Scholarship Committee*
- Laurie Underwood, *Restaurant Night Organizer*
- Bonnie Wood / Lisa Landis, *Special Events Coordinators*

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY (ITS) BOARD

- Landen Chanthaphanij, *President*
- Isabelle Anderson, *Vice President*
- Sheena Ball, *Secretary*
- Jada Paul, *Historian*

EDISON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

- Pamela Brumfield, *Principal*
- Monica Bentley, *Fine and Performing Arts Administrator*
- Greg Dombrowski, *Student Activities*
- Diane Lewis, *Activities and Building Support*
- All custodial staff*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thanks to all our PARENTS and PATRONS for their continued support of ETC:

Show Supporter:

The Kaynor Family
The St John Family

Executive Producer:

The Underwood Family

Producer Level:

The Bertman Family
The Irvin Family
The Landis Family

Director Level:

Fatima Ast and Jay Heltzer
Linda and Kevin Pinkney
Lara and Dan Walt

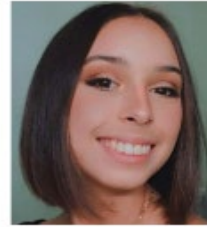
Actor Level:

The Shishak Family
The Crawford Family

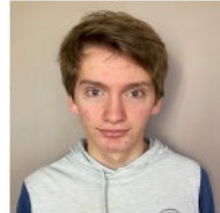
Member Level:

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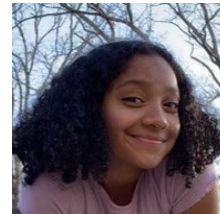
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Isabelle Anderson is currently in her senior year. She has been in every production at Edison since her freshman year, including The Laramie Project, Dracula, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Cinderella, and Mamma Mia, as well as stage-managing "Off Road" a 2020 One Act. She is also the vice president of ITS, vice president of the Interact Service Club, and has been a Cappies critic for three years. She enjoys reading every book on the US Reconstruction era that she can get her hands on. She'd like to dedicate this performance to Mr. Walker, whose commitment to bringing theatre to life and giving his students joy has been inspiring to watch during this pandemic, and thanks him for not only this show but for the last four years



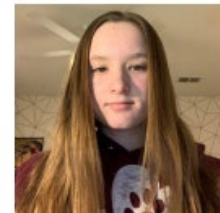
Porter Bertman is currently a freshman. He has previously acted in Peter Pan at Twain, Peter Pan at MVCCT, and Shrek: The Musical at MVCCT. He is also in the Yearbook club, tries to do all they can for theatre, and loves to do anything that involves music.



Corina Briscoe is currently a junior. She had previously been in the Laramie Project and the Edison One Acts. Her hobbies include theater and the Best Buddies Club. She would like to thank her family, Edison Theatre Company, and Mr. Walker for their help in making this show possible.



Charlotte Chozick is currently a sophomore. She was previously involved in the Laramie Project at Edison, Rock of Ages and Mamma Mia! At Hayfield, Peter Pan at Mark Twain. She also participates in swim, choir, and the Edison Writing Center. She also enjoys making arts and crafts, and (safely) hanging out with friends.



Lauren Govert is currently a junior. She has previously acted in Mamma Mia!, The Laramie Project, and One Acts. She is a part of the swim team and is a member of Best Buddies.

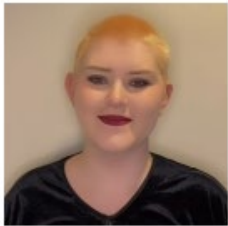
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Max Heltzer is currently a junior. He has previously played Sir Toby Belch in Twelfth Night, Oberon in Midsummer Night's Dream, and Shadow in Peter Pan. He is also a member of the Interact club.



Natalie Laclede is currently a freshman. She has previously played Fiona in Shrek the Musical Jr. and Mayzie in Seussical the Musical at Holy Spirit School, and Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins Jr. at the Little Theater of Alexandria. She is also a member of Erudite and enjoys creative writing, script writing, and singing.



Ainsley McClure is currently a junior at Edison. She has previously acted in the Ensemble in Get Smart and Beauty and the Beast at Mark Twain Middle School, ensemble in Mamma Mia at Edison, and pit for Dracula and The Laramie Project at Edison High School. They are also Captain, and former nationals qualifier, of Edison's competitive quiz bowl team, they are in the Edison Orchestra, French Honor Society, and Tri-M. She loves watching anime, reading classical literature, and exploring new genres of music. "Dedication is a talent all on its own." - Alphonse Elric



Jada Paul is currently a junior. She has previously acted in productions at Holmes Middle School, played Alli in Mamma Mia! and Mel in "Off Road", and has participated in every One Act festival since her freshman year. She is the historian for ITS, participates in choir, and is a member of the Student Ambassador Program. She enjoys makeup, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and online shopping. She'd like to thank God, her family, and her friends for supporting her.

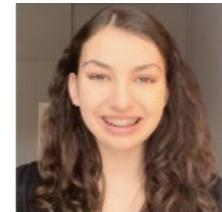
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Xavier Rose is currently a sophomore. He was in a play in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. He has also been in drama class for two years. He is interested in scouts, boxing, and writing stories. "There are no good guys or bad guys, only humans."



Siona Shishak is currently in the 10th grade. She was previously in Beauty and The Beast and Peter Pan at Mark Twain, and The Laramie Project and the One Acts at Edison. She is also in Adv Mixed Choir, Model UN, Student Ambassador Program, and the EWC. She enjoys skateboarding, cooking, journaling, and meditation.



Kailee St. John is currently a junior. She has previously acted in Mamma Mia, Dracula: An Undead Romance, The Laramie Project, Mamma Mia and Footloose at Hayfield, Alice in Wonderland and The Lion King at Westridge, and The Little Mermaid at Lee. She is also a member of the ITS leadership council.



Catherine Walt is in the 10th grade. She has previously acted in The Laramie Project at Edison. She is also involved in the Student Ambassadors program, interact club, and speech and debate. She enjoys playing the viola and painting.



Campbell Wood is in the 11th grade at Edison. He has previously acted in Mamma Mia, Laramie Project, and One Acts at Edison, as well as Beauty and the Beast at Mark Twain Middle School. He is also involved in choir, and enjoys collecting records, driving around, and hanging out with friends. "RIP MF DOOM"