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Written and Directed by Rachel Jones

Technical Director Jeff Costello

DIRECTORS

Rachel Jones - Director

Rachel Jones arrives at Pope High School after working in the Alliance Theatre education department for nine years as a teaching artist and administrator. Her directing credits include *The Man of La Mancha* (Brewton-Parker College) and *No Exit* (Impulse Reparatory Theatre). After earning her MFA in theatre from Savannah College of Art and Design, she worked with several notable Atlanta directors including Rosemary Newcott and Justin Anderson. She has worked on productions for Synchronicity Theatre, Aurora Theatre, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Rachel treasures the opportunity to support students as they thrive and



grow into the young adults they are meant to be and looks forward to building the drama program at Pope High School. She is beyond proud of this project and hopes you enjoy the show!

Jeff Costello - Technical Director

As the son of a drama teacher, I have been involved in theatre since elementary school. It wasn't until high school where I found my true passion in the theatre world as a light tech and designer. At Greensboro College, I concentrated in lighting and scenic design. I have had the fortunate experience to work with such groups and companies as; Onstage Atlanta, Dads Garage Theatre, Full Circle Lighting, Hi Tech A/V, CenterStage North Theatre, and other community theatres. The past 6 years I've been the Assistant Technical Director for the Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre, which is part of Cobb County P.A.R.K.S. I've done lighting, sound and staging for National Touring acts such as Marty Stuart, Loose Ends, The Whispers, and Fred Hammond among others. My theatre credits include lighting, sound or



scenic design for: *Willy Wonka, Jr., High School Musical, Honk!, Shrek the Musical, Chicago - High School Edition* and many more. Being able to come back to my old high school and work with these students has been a joy and a fantastic experience.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

This summer, much like everyone else, I was trying to keep myself busy and plan for the coming fall. On one of my longer walks, I was mulling over what to do for the GHSA One Act competition. Would we even be allowed to produce a show? Would it be digital? In person? How could we pay for rights or have a budget if we couldn't sell tickets? No one knew. How can one plan for three or four scenarios at once? Then, I had a flash of inspiration. I would adapt Shakespeare's *Othello* for Zoom and stage, so we would have maximum flexibility. So, here we are.

I'm so proud of these students and parents. We faced huge obstacles, and never gave up. We started our rehearsals in Zoom and then shifted to in-person rehearsals with temperature checks and masks. We've pivoted with precision to accommodate the changing environment and guidelines over and over. We've kept each other safe while we continued to create our art. What a beautiful, magical thing!

Finally, thank you! Without you, our efforts would have been pointless. We so appreciate your support and encouragement. We have lost so much during this time, but you have saved us from losing the art that means so much to us. Remember there are three ways to enjoy our show: in-person, the recorded stage production, and the live Zoom production. Hopefully, one or more of these will meet your needs. Also, if you'd like to enjoy our Haunted Theater film. Tickets will be available on October 30.

A special thank you to Dr. Flugum and Coach Matthews for their support and guidance. It has meant the world to us.

Rachel Jones

CAST OF CHARACTERS

In Order or Appearance

lggy	Annalia Clifton
Raelyn	Mary Wahn
Olivia	Anna Borysiak
Brayden	Dawson Foreman
Cici	Megan Gooden
Grace	Emily Blackwell
Leo	Soren Tucker
Donavan	Alex Lopez
Bianca	Jordan Gettys
Lucy	Zoë Northcutt
Internet Content Poster	Natalie Allphin
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PRODUCTION TEAM

Crew Members

Stage Manager	Sophie Dukes
Assistant Stage Manager	Brooke Pesqueira
Production Assistant	Deborah DeMoura
Costumes	Audrey Mayfield
Sound Designer	Gwen Wetekamp
Assistant Sound Designer	Stephen Johnston
Lighting Designer	Michael Schneider
Assistant Lighting Designer	Ben Blaske
Hair & Makeup Designer	Sofia Hargis
Assistant Hair & Makeup Designer	Anabelle Kane
Props	Jordan Gettys
Run Crew	Lily Smith
Run Crew	Rebecca Blaske
Run Crew	Sarah Mosley

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Natalie Allphin as Internet Content Poster

This is Natalie's first show at Pope and she is so excited! She loves anything theater and is so happy to be a part of Pope Drama!



Emily Blackwell

as Grace

Emily is a junior and is so excited to be performing in her 7th Pope Drama production. She would like to thank all her supporters and hopes you enjoy the show!



Anna Borysiak

as Olivia

Anna is a sophomore at Pope - She hopes you enjoy the show!



Annalia Clifton

as Iggy

Annalia Clifton is a junior at Pope High School and is beyond ecstatic to be performing in her 10th production with Pope Drama! You may have previously seen her in "Edward Foote" (Mrs. Nevins), "Alice In Wonderland" (Duchess), or "The Blue Overalls Angel" (Clarissa Moore). She is so thankful for her director, Mrs. Jones, and Pope Drama as a whole for allowing her to continue pursuing her passion, even in these uncertain times. She hopes you absolutely love the show and watching her be all evil!



Jordan Gettys

as Bianca

Jordan Gettys (Bianca/Head of Props) is a junior at Pope this year! This is her third year in Pope Drama and she is so thrilled to be a part of "Who's Zoomin' Who?"! She was in *Footloose* and "Alice in Wonderland" last year and she was in *Chicago: High School Edition* her freshman year. She would like to thank the cast and crew for this amazing experience in this show! She hopes you enjoy "Who's Zoomin' Who?"!



Megan Gooden

as Cici

Megan is a junior at Pope - she hopes you enjoy the show!



Dawson Foreman

as Brayden

Dawson has been in love with theater since he was a toddler, participating in small shows such as "101 Dalmatians", in which he played Lucky. He has done almost every school show since middle school, and has been a part of an acting company outside of school as well. He enjoys playing characters who don't need the spotlight in order to shine, and Brayden is exactly that! Dawson wants to thank his cast mates for a super fun show!



Sarah Keller

as Internet Content Poster

Thanks for coming! Enjoy the show:) or else



Amy Kokan

as Internet Content Poster

Amy, a sophomore, is excited to be doing her third Pope Theater show after "Alice in Wonderland" (Second Alice) and working tech on *Footloose*. She thanks you for coming (or watching online) and hopes you enjoy the show.



Alex Lopez

as Donavan

Alex is a junior and this is his 8th year doing theater. Because of Covid, he got an opportunity to do both the one-act and "Haunted Theater", which was very exciting for him. He looks forward to playing Donovan in this impressive adaptation of *Othello*!



Zoë Northcutt

as Lucy

Hi! Zoë is so excited to be in her 4th Pope production and she is so excited that they let her leave her cold, dark cell! Zoë also loves to talk about herself in the third person. Enjoy the show. I'm the principal. This is my dream role!!!



Ryan Smith

as Internet Content Poster

Ryan is excited to take part in WZW ths year. He is a sophomore and has been in three shows at Pope (Chuck Cranston in *Footloose*, Frog Footman in "Alice in Wonderland", and Peter Rabbit in "Haunted Theater"). Enjoy the show!



Soren Tucker

as Leo

This is Soren's fifth Pope Drama production, and his second play. He most recently played Willard in Pope Drama's production of *Footloose*. In this show, Soren is excited to be able to open doors and channel his inner-annoyed sibling.

(All he wanted was to get the project done. Why is everyone so dramatic?)



Mary Wahn

as Raelyn

Mary Wahn is so excited to bring the role of Raelyn to life! Mary is currently a junior and has been part of Pope Drama productions such as "Haunted Theatre" and student-directed "Alice in Wonderland". Mary has found such an incredible family within Pope Drama and can't wait for you to see "Who's Zoomin' Who?"!

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CREW WHO'S WHO



Ben Blaske

Assistant Lighting Designer

Ben Blaske is new to drama. As a Freshman, he's also new to Pope. Ben is very excited to work on this show!



Sophie Dukes

Stage Manager

Sophie Dukes is a junior at Pope high school. She has been in 7 Pope drama shows and is so excited for WZW. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Deborah DeMoura

Production Assistant

Deborah is a junior this year at Pope. She has participated in a number of productions in her three years with Pope Drama, including "Alice in Wonderland" & "Edward Foote". She's so glad you came out to see the show and hopes you enjoy it!



Sofia Hargis

Hair & Makeup Designer

Sofia, a sophomore, has been in Pope Drama for 2 years. She's done Shrek the Musical, Matilda, 13, She Loves Me, "Haunted Theater", Into the Woods, and Frozen the Musical. I absolutely love being in Pope Theater and I'm excited for 2 more fun years to come.



Brooke Pesqueira Assistant Stage Manager

Brooke is a sophomore at Pope - She hopes you enjoy the show!

CREW WHO'S WHO



Stephen Johnston Assistant Sound Designer

Stephen is very thankful to be able to get out of the house and be a part of the show. He thanks you for watching and hopes you enjoy.



Audrey Mayfield

Costumes

Audrey is a senior at Pope - she hopes you enjoy the show!



Michael Schneider

Lighting Designer

Michael is a sophomore, and this is his second year running the light board. He is excited to try his hand at lighting design this year. Enjoy the show!



Gwen Wetekamp

Sound Designer

Gwen is excited to be running sound for her 4th time here at Pope. After the long hibernation from underneath the sound board she is ready to go! She hopes you enjoy the show!



Anabelle Kane

Assistant Hair & Makeup Designer

I'm so glad to have this opportunity to get out of the house and work with Pope Drama. This is my first time working with everyone and it's been very fun! Please enjoy the show!

CREW WHO'S WHO



Lily Smith

Run Crew

Lily lost her marbles during quarantine. Don't get too close to her or she might moo at you. You've been warned.



Rebecca Blaske

Run Crew

Rebecca would like to welcome you to her 12th show with Pope drama. But there's a twist, this time she's on tech! You heard it right, those beautiful transitions are thanks to the lovely Rebecca and the rest of run crew. Team tech hopes you enjoy the show!



Sarah Mosley

Run Crew

This is Sarah's (due to an abundance of Sarahs, only referred to as Mosley) second year of productions with Pope drama and she's excited to get back into working on shows with the Pope Drama family.

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