Class Action

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Greenville High School
Performing Arts Auditorium
Class Action
by
Brad Slaight

Director’s Notes

High School is one of the most important experiences in most of our lives. It is the time when we learn the important lessons that will carry us through life. Most of these lessons, however, are learned outside the classroom. We learn about responsibility, commitment, love, respect, how to set priorities, how to deal with loss, betrayal, ridicule.

In Class Action we deal with all of these lessons in a serious, but often humorous way. In our journey of discovery in bringing these characters to life, I think the cast has had to grapple with some of these issues in their own lives as well, giving them a deeper insight into the lives of the people they are portraying for you.

We have used an organic approach to our process, with the students finding the characters within themselves and using their own impulses to drive the action of the play. The result, I hope, is a deeper glimpse into the inner lives of the people that you will meet today.

Larry Moss, Director

Playwright’s Note

The many scenes in Class Action collectively make up the “play”. Although each scene stands on its own, there is a common thread here – all of the scenes deal with situations that take place outside the classroom. It is my opinion that these events are sometimes the most important experiences young people deal with in high school.

Brad Slaight, Playwright

Produced by special arrangement with Baker’s Plays, Boston, MA
CLASS ACTION

Time: the present school year
Place: a modern high school

Scenes:
1. Girlfriends
2. Poet's Corner
3. Detention
4. Perfection
5. Baby
6. Prelude to a Kiss
7. Revenge of the Nerd
8. I.Q.
9. Subtext
10. Cindy
11. All Mine
12. Causes
13. Queen
14. Sock
15. Secret
16. Oysters

Ensemble
Heather Carpenter, Bridget Willberding, Matt Hansen,
Eric Wisniewski, Jasmine Mert,
Joel Hartzler, Danielle Burkholder

Student Staff
Jason Townes
Jayme Harden
K.T. Burnett

Meagan Stewart
Ben Slater
Jason Kiste
Josh Stewart
Megan Stewart

Krista Vlahas
Leeah Custer
David Kohn

Jacquelyn Van Dam
Meagan Stewart
Jayme Hardin

Jocelyrn Van Dam
Lindsey McBride

Site-Manager - P.AUL BOEDOS
Floor Manager Stage Left
Scene Shop Foreman
Set Construction
Running Crew
Properties
Light Board Operator
Follow Spot Operator
Lighting Crew
Sound Production
Sound Board Operator
Costumes
Backstage Bulletins

We’re midway through the second year in the new auditorium and Class Action takes the GHS Performing Arts Department into yet another new direction. Class Action is the first production that GHS has entered into the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association (MIFA) One Act Play Festival. Instead of staying within the safe confines of our own theatre, we take the show on the road and perform it somewhere else. Our first stop this year is at Everett High School in Lansing, and we have high hopes to continue on beyond.

Participation in the Festival allows our students to see how other schools perform shows. Other approaches to acting, scenic and lighting design, and backstage work are all part of the festival atmosphere, and for those days, the cast and crew of Class Action join the companies of five other shows to highlight some of the best of the Arts in our schools.

Because of the nature of MIFA Festival, Class Action has to fit within a rule set. As a result, the show begins and ends differently than other shows done at GHS. We can’t depend on a lot of the great technology our Auditorium has to offer as well. So in essence, this is Theatre in a very simple form. But that simplicity, also leads to different sets of challenges backstage.

We hope you enjoy this performance of Class Action, and hope that you can come and join us on the road, as we take the show to different levels of Festival Competition.

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