

Valley Catholic Drama proudly
presents

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

Written by Tim Kelly



"Produced by special agreement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado"

Welcome to our production of

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Adapted from Molière By Tim Kelly



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Cast

in alphabetical order

Finnegan Andrus	Otis Lackginger
Anoosheh Azeem	Blossom
Ana Bateman	Lucy Canary
Yana Beskorovaynaya	Widow Stockade
Keiragan Ewanchuk	Hepzibah
Josie Gardner	Miss Strict
Anna Geier	Misty Hagg
James "Jimmy" Hammond	Lester Goodbe
Ian Martin	Sheriff
Leah Nerenberg	Doctor Pillpurge
Ameerah Pienovi	Mrs. Cornsilk
Luke Pranger	Mayor Caesar Canary
Joshua Rhein	Snag
Mia Schoenkerman	Marjorie
Leiya Tope	Dr. Abracadraba
Nolan Utberg	Preacher
Aadhya Aggarwal	Pupil Agatha
Gabriel Bomber	Huckleberry Finn Jones, Jr.
Nora Campbell	Princess Rising Star
Brynn Campos	Princess Falling Star
Adalae Kahn	Pupil Alberta
Shayaan Khan	Tom Sawyer Jones, Jr.
Ariya Marshall-Thanasophon	Pupil Cassandra
Nikitha Murugasamy	Amanda Flimflam
Amelia "Mia" Perte	Pupil Tallulah
Madalynn Shields	Mrs. Cornstarch

Running Time: 90 minutes with a 10-minute intermission

Production Crew

Director	Ginnie Paterson
Technical Director	Esther McFaden
Light Designer	Esther McFaden
Sound Designer	Jessica Kentner
Scenic Designer	Ginnie Paterson
Prop Fabrication	Jessica Laird, Carrie Bateman, Tania Rhein
Costumers	Kristine Arbaugh, Karin Presnell
Parent Volunteer Coordinator	Carrie Bateman
Headshot Photography.....	Ginnie Paterson
Artwork	Sophia McNassar '25
Program Design	Tania Rhein
Set Construction	Reen Presnell, Jason Baca, John Matcovich, parents, cast & crew
Stage Manager	Hailey Johns '27
Assistant Stage Manager	Marcella Hansen '25
Technical Crew	Gabe Delplanche '25, Grace Gore '27, Lilliann Palmeter '27, Aguri Jasmine Iwata '27, Jacky McAuley '26, Mai Tokairin '27, Alex Wannell '28

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VCS Fine Arts faculty:

Ginnie Paterson, Owen Hofmann-Smith, Nicholas Fisher, Kelliann Wright, Emma Fanger, Ashlan Taylor, Linda Lawyer

Director's Notes

Welcome to our fall comedy! We went from the high seas with last year's *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, and now make our way to the Wild West for the rootin', tootin' melodramatic farce *Is There a Doctor in the House?* This comedy's roots go much further back than the late 19th century. The characters in our show can trace their origins all the way back to the original masks of the Commedia dell'Arte in Renaissance Italy-- this traditional form of street theatre is responsible for much of the beginnings of what we know as comedy today, from stock characters to the term "slapstick." Theirs were the original sitcom tropes, if you will.

I'm incredibly proud of all of our student actors and tech crew for their hard work and dedication to this show. Being in a play involves so much more than memorizing lines; building an ensemble, creating characters, taking risks onstage, exploring comic bits...it takes immense work to make it all work! Our cast and crew of 35 students represent a wide range of experience and have stretched themselves to new heights to make this hilarious show what it is. Among the group are 8 dedicated seniors, many of whom made their Valley debut as freshmen, and 10 middle school students. It's such a gift for older students to have the ability to serve as mentors and role models to the younger ones, whether on stage in rehearsal or at a Saturday work party-- proving, as always, what a special family Valley Catholic drama is.

The work goes beyond what you see in a performance, and beyond our students. I'd like to personally thank the parents and adult volunteers who have dedicated hundreds of hours over the past two months to make this show come to life. Thanks to our technical director and light designer, Esther McFaden, returning for the second year. I also want to thank our returning guest designer, Jessica Kentner, who provided our sound design from all the way in Ashland. Our costumers, VC alumni parents Kris Arbaugh and Karin Presnell, have done another amazing job creating the costumes for this show-- I'm constantly in awe of their creativity and talent. I'd like to thank our other alumni and current drama parents for devoting their Saturdays and more to set construction, program design, prop fabrication, signage, decorations, volunteer coordination, and more! This wonderful community never ceases to amaze me, year after year. God Bless you all!

Finally, I'd like to thank the Sisters of Saint Mary of Oregon, who continue to support our performing arts programs with their presence and their prayers. We are all truly blessed to be a part of their community-- me, especially, in my 41st production here.

Thank you for coming to the show, and enjoy *Is There a Doctor in the House?*



Finnegan Andrus (Otis Lackginger)

Finn is a 9th grader at Valley Catholic. This is his 3rd production for the drama department, his previous roles were Treasure Chest pirate #1, Evil pirate #3, and Zombie Pirate #2 for *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, and he was also tech crew for *The Wizard of Oz*.



Anoosheh Azeem (Blossom)

Anoosheh is a senior. This is their 5th production with Valley Catholic. They have participated in productions with STAGES. They hope people find the jokes as hilarious as the cast and crew have. *country accent* Enjoy the show!!



Ana Bateman (Lucy Canary)

Ana, a senior at VCHS, is participating in her seventh show at Valley Catholic. Ana has played Miss Scarlet in *Clue*, Lady Olivia in *Twelfth Night*, and the Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*. "Thank you so much for your support, I hope you enjoy the show!"



Yana Beskorovaynaya (Widow Stockade)

Yana is a sophomore at Valley Catholic and this is her third show with the school. She is an actress with the previous roles of Little Nell, Coroner, Crow, and other ensemble characters. She is especially excited for this performance and hopes you enjoy the show!



Gabe Delplanche (Tech Crew)

Gabe is a senior at Valley Catholic, and this is his 3rd production in the theatre program. He is excited for the play and hopes you enjoy the show!



Keiragan Ewanchuk (Hepzibah)

This is Keiragan's 7th show at Valley. Her previous roles include Violet Beauregard in *Willy Wonka*, Feste in *Twelfth Night*, Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins*, and Dorothy Gale in *The Wizard of Oz*. She is a senior. "This show is dare I say silly and goofy."



Josie Gardner (Miss Strict)

Josie is a freshman at Valley Catholic. This is her second role in a play, though it is her first time acting on stage, as her last performance was filmed in her house during the pandemic. She hopes you will enjoy the show!



Anna Geier (Misty Hagg)

Anna is a freshman, and this is her first play at Valley Catholic. She has been in a few plays in her drama career, making her debut in sixth grade as a dwarf in *The Princess with No Name*. She was also in *Willy Wonka* and *67 Cinderellas*. "I look forward to making this play every bit as funny as it was meant to be, thank you so much for coming, and I hope you enjoy it."



Grace Gore (Tech Crew)

Grace is a sophomore at Valley and this is her 3rd production. She was prop master for *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* and was in charge of the lighting for *The Wizard of Oz*. "Enjoy the show!"



James "Jimmy" Hammond (Lester Goodbe)

Jimmy is a junior at Valley Catholic. This is his first production for Valley. He would like to dedicate his performance to his supportive friends who convinced him to do the play, and hopes the audience enjoys the show.



Marcella Hanson (Assistant Stage Manager)

Marcella is a senior, and this is her seventh show with VC theater. Her previous roles include stage manager (*Wizard of Oz* & *Fearsome Pirate Frank*) and various sound, lighting, and backstage positions for her four freshman & sophomore year shows. For her last fall production, she hopes everyone enjoys the show as much as the cast and crew have. <3



Aguri "Jasmine" Iwata (Tech Crew)

Jasmine is a sophomore, and is spending this year as an exchange student at Valley. Originally from Japan, Jasmine was in her drama club in middle school. "There are many things I don't know yet, but I'll do my best. I'm very interested and excited about how this drama club will make it together!!"



Hailey Johns (Stage Manager)

Hailey is a sophomore and this is the third show she has been in at Valley Catholic. She previously ran lighting for *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* and was assistant stage manager and "Toto" wrangler for *The Wizard of Oz*. "Please enjoy this performance, it has been a pleasure to help create this play!"



Ian Martin (Sheriff)

Ian is a junior who has attended Valley for six years and has been in the drama program for two years. He has been part of two other productions at Valley (Spiderman, Pirate & Villager in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*; Uncle Henry, Ozian & Tough Guy Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*). Ian enjoys the school's drama program and loves to participate in the acting and technicality of all shows. He plans to continue being part of the production for his senior year. "Have fun, enjoy the show, and go Valiants!"



Jacky McAulay (Tech Crew)

Jacky is a Junior at Valley Catholic and this is her first ever production. She's very excited to be helping out as part of the tech crew.



Leah Nerenberg (Doctor Pillurge)

Leah is a sophomore, and this is her third VCCHS production. Her previous roles include Old Tilly Tar in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* and the Munchkin Mayor, a Crow, and ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*.



Lilliann Palmeter (Tech Crew)

Lilly is a sophomore at Valley Catholic and this is her first ever production. She is excited to be a part of the tech crew.



Ameerah Pienovi (Mrs. Cornsilk)

Ameerah is a junior at Valley Catholic High School. This is her third time acting in a Valley Catholic Drama production. She was previously the Albatross in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* and a part of the ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*.



Luke Pranger (Mayor Caesar Canary)

Luke is a senior at Valley Catholic. He helped tech crew in *Mary Poppins* and *The Wizard of Oz*, and played ensemble in *Clue*, Sir Andrew Aguecheek in *Twelfth Night*, and Cap'n Ben Davies in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*. He loves his role, and wants to help make this play great.



Joshua Rhein (Snag)

Joshua is a senior and has been doing shows at VCCHS since freshman year and is going for the gold this year. He was Mr. Green in *Clue*, Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka*, Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*, Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Frank in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, The Wizard in *The Wizard of Oz*, and a few more in middle school. He is looking forward to senior year and hopes to make this year a Blast!



Mia Schoenkerman (Marjorie)

Mia is a senior at Valley Catholic and this is her third production on the Valley Catholic stage. Previously, she played pirate actor #1 in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, and the Emerald City Guard in *The Wizard of Oz*.



Mai Tokairin (Tech Crew)

Mai is an international student from Japan and a sophomore at Valley Catholic. "This is my first time participating in a drama club like this, but I'm sure we were able to create a great production with the members. So please enjoy the show!"



Leiya Tope (Doctor Abracadra)

Leiya is a junior at Valley Catholic and this is her 5th show here. Some of her past shows were *Twelfth Night*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. "I'm selling medicine after the show!"



Nolan Utberg (Preacher)

Nolan is a sophomore at VCHS. He was in two previous plays at Valley, *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* and *The Wizard of Oz*. "The theater program has always been one of my favorite things. Just remember, this here is the wildest show in the wilderness!"



Alex Wannell (Tech Crew)

Alex is a freshman at Valley Catholic this year. He is excited to get involved with drama. This is Alex's second year on tech crew. His previous role was running crew for *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. He hopes everybody enjoys the show.



Aadhya Aggarwal (Pupil Agatha)

This is Aadhya's first year as a student at Valley Catholic and her first time performing. She is excited to showcase her work and continue to work on her existing drama skills. Aadhya is a talkative human who has a passion for vintage toys and loves to play retro games.



Gabriel Bomber (Huckleberry Finn Jones, Jr.)

Gabriel is an 8th Grader at VC Middle School. This will be his second show, with a previous appearance as a variety of roles in *The Wizard Of Oz*. "I hope my performance can provide you with a nice laugh. Enjoy." ;)



Nora Campbell (Princess Rising Star)

Nora's a 6th grader at Valley Catholic, this is her first production specifically for Valley. She's very excited for everyone to watch her first performance. Nora hopes everyone enjoys the play!



Brynn Campos (Princess Falling Star)

Brynn is in 7th grade and this is her first year at Valley. She has some acting experience in her old schools, and was in *The Lion King*. She loves acting, and really wants to ace her role! "I have an older brother and he's fine. I really love the cast and the teacher on this play, they are all so amazing, and the teacher Mrs. Paterson is truly a wonderful person and teacher. That is all."



Adalae Kahn (Pupil Alberta)

Ada is a 7th grader at Valley Catholic and has been here since preschool. This is her second play here, but has been in plays with many other organizations. Her favorite book series is *Wings of Fire*.



Shayaan Khan (Tom Sawyer Jones, Jr.)

Shayaan is a 7th grade student at VCMS. He also participated in the high school drama program last year in the shows *The Fearsome Pirate Frank* and *The Wizard of Oz*.



Ariya Marshall-Thanasophon (Pupil Cassandra)

Ariya is a 7th grade student at Valley Catholic, and this is her second production for the Valley stage. She is an actor with previous roles in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*.



Nikitha Murugasamy (Amanda Flimflam)

Nikitha is a 7th grader in VCMS. This is her first show in Valley, but she has been in some other plays as well! She enjoys acting. She loves debate, animals, and her hair! "Hope you have an AMAZING time, and enjoy the show!"



Amelia "Mia" Perte (Pupil Tallulah)

Amelia is a 6th grader at Valley Catholic, this is her first play at Valley but she's acted tons before. She absolutely loves acting and was so excited knowing she could audition for the play, which she'd wanted to do since elementary school. She hopes the people watching enjoy the show!



Adalynn Shields (Mrs. Cornstarch)

Adalynn is a 7th grader at Valley Catholic. This is her second production at Valley; she was part of the ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Seniors

My dear Class of '25 drama family, three years and two months ago, I met five of you when you decided to participate in our first official back-in-person production: Ana, Keiragan, Joshua, Luke, and Marcella. I felt a sort of kinship to you, as we were all starting fresh after online plays, cancelled performances, and lots of other challenges and disappointment. *Clue*, therefore, will remain very special to me forever for that reason. Anoosheh, you joined us for the very next show, and added such energy and fun to your role in *Wonka*, and many since then. Mia and Gabe, you have just joined us in the last year, but we wouldn't be the same family without you.

You all have given me many, many moments of joy and laughter, taught me what a Gen X'er is not allowed to say, apprised me of the advantages of knowing how to use TikTok and Instagram, but most importantly, inspired all of us with your energy and immense talent. We have another show to go, but I'm already getting sentimental!

Break many legs with this production-- I'm happy to say this is one that you'll all be remembered for.

Theatre Etiquette Reminders:

RULES OF THEATRE ETIQUETTE...

so everyone can enjoy the show!

1. Turn your phone and other devices off. Anything that makes noise or creates light during the performance is distracting to the actors and other audience members. Please leave the auditorium if you have to use your phone.
2. Any recording or taking photography during the performance is strictly prohibited.
3. Be sure to take out anything with a noisy wrapper before the performance (cough drops, candies, etc.). Again, this is a distraction to the actors and your fellow audience members.
4. Please refrain from talking during the performance. We can hear you!!
5. Please wait until intermission to use the restrooms. If it's an emergency, please exit the auditorium as quietly as possible, and return to your seat at a scene break.
6. Show your appreciation! Applause is always welcome after a scene, act, and especially at the end of the show.
7. While children are welcome to the performance, please use your discretion. If you know your little one will not be able to sit through the performance without running around or crying, please do not bring them to the show.
8. Cast members can be met in the lobby after the show. Therefore, please do not go backstage during the performance or intermission.
9. Use your common sense...if a behavior would be annoying to you during a show, don't do it! Please show the same respect for the Actors.
10. ENJOY THE SHOW!!