MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PLAY 2022:
AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD
BY MICHAEL SLADE

MUSIC BY DAVID LAWRENCE,
AND ORIGINAL LYRICS TO "WE SHALL LEAD"
BY FAYE GREENBERG

OCTOBER 29-30, 2022
HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
PLACE

The play takes place in Terezin Concentration Camp, Czechoslovakia, 1942-1945

MUSIC SELECTIONS

The Little Bird - Leonid Shokin
By the Waters - Craig Taubman
Molad’ti - Ruth Rubin
Lullaby and Vedem (“We Shall Lead”) - David Lawrence and Faye Greenberg
Pavel and Gabriela’s Waltz - Clea Gaïtas Sur

PLAYWRIGHT’S NOTE

Thirty miles outside Prague lies a town called Terezin. It was built in 1790 as a fortress and troop garrison. The stone ramparts and Empire-style buildings still stand, giving little evidence of the atrocities that took place in Terezin during World War II.

After occupying Czechoslovakia, the Germans turned Terezin into a concentration camp. Terezin was not a death camp like Auschwitz, though more than 35,000 people died there. Instead, Terezin was a holding place for prisoners who were

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Jana Hellerova........................................................................................................................Olivia George
Eva Hellerova........................................................................................................................Izzy Middlebrook
Ruth Synkova.........................................................................................................................Ruby Fenton-Rutnick
Alena Lederova.....................................................................................................................Sofia Rivera
Nina Friedman.........................................................................................................................Ella Barlow
Gabriela Winterova..............................................................................................................Annika Kim
Erik Kosek...............................................................................................................................Elliott Hazzard
Erika Mayer...........................................................................................................................Teagan Fruehling
Martin Lowy........................................................................................................................Francis Hanna
Petr Bachner..........................................................................................................................Archie Dougherty
Pavel Hoffman.......................................................................................................................William Drake
Miroslav Weiss......................................................................................................................Elliott Gilats
Alfred Blum............................................................................................................................Lucas Messier

ENSEMBLE

Hana Picková.........................................................................................................................Eliza Bray
Helga Bruner........................................................................................................................Elana Broderius
Hasan Fischer.......................................................................................................................Dhru Chaney
Jicka Polak............................................................................................................................Avery Dayton
Lola Havel..............................................................................................................................Hattie Devine
Irena Landová.......................................................................................................................Mariam Enver
Elise Lindtová........................................................................................................................Parker Frosch
Estella Potok........................................................................................................................Lailee Gaspard
Maria Volaková...................................................................................................................Maizy Henreta
Franta Hachenburg...............................................................................................................Zoya Jameel
Anna Weissová....................................................................................................................Clara Lovelace
Eliza Peters.............................................................................................................................Jayani Nelson
ultimately shipped on to extermination in the East. More than 160,000 people passed through Terezin between November 1941 and May 1945.

Every room, attic and cellar became living quarters in what the Nazis called, “The Jewish Ghetto.” Terezin’s prisoners included most of Czechoslovakia’s Jewish artists, writers, musicians and political activists—and more than 15,000 children. Adult prisoners set up schools for the children, and encouraged them to express themselves artistically. The children secretly created hundreds of journals, poems, stories, and drawings. They also issued several underground newspapers. Fewer than 100 of the children who were sent to Terezin survived the war.

*And a Child Shall Lead* contains poems and stories written by some of the young prisoners. It is the result of interviews with survivors and from research in archives and museum collections in the Czech Republic.

**** There will be a 10-minute intermission between Acts I and II ****

**ARTISTIC STAFF**

Director ............................................................................... Ed Williams Jr.
Assistant Director ..................................................................... Ryan London Levin
Stage Manager .......................................................................... Lea Moore
Holocaust Educators ................................................................ Helen Siegel, Laura Zelle
Associate Director, Holocaust Education  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas ........ Susie Greenberg
Historian .................................................................................. Mackenzie Bevins
Scenic Design/Technical Director ........................................................ Sara Herman
Assistant Technical Director/Carpenter .................................................. Tyler Krohn
Music Director/Piano ..................................................................... Clea Gaitas Sur
Music Supervisor ........................................................................... Tim Kraack
Clarinet .......................................................................................... Henry Hilton
Violin ............................................................................................. Ingrid Johnson
Lighting Designer ......................................................................... Zoe Hermer-Cisek
Costume Designer .......................................................................... Eleanor Schanilec
Costume Crew ............................................................................... Marcelle Danz, Verona Danz, Kieran Ahearne-Kroll, Eliza Bray  
Parents: Melissa Kim, Beth Fruehling, and Usha Taneja
Hair Design Assistant .................................................................... Bella Moet
Light Board Operator ...................................................................... Tarq Johnson
Sound Board Operator .................................................................... Ava Doody
Sound Effects and Projector Operator .................................................. Aaryan Bahadur
Light and Sound Board Supervisors .................................................. Matt Edens, Gene Swanson,  
Jim Szalay, Melissa Douden
American Sign Language Interpreters ............................................. Breanna Boyce, Becca Gibson
Program Design ............................................................................. Elizabeth Longhurst, Anne Odegard
Photographer .................................................................................. John Severson
Light Crew ..................................................................................... Tarq Johnson, Aaryan Bahadur
Set Crew ..........................................................................................

Lili Itzkowitz, Zoya Jameel, Dhru Chaney, Aaryan Bahadur, Jayani Nelson, Clara Lovelace, Kieran Ahearne-Kroll,  
Verona Danz, Elliot Gilats, Ruby Fenton-Rutzick, Veronica Dixon, Melissa Kim, Billie Delano, Arjun Kharbanda,  
Bridget Hatch, Tarq Johnson, Bri Rucker, Isa Piñero, Beth Fruehling, Teagan Fruehling

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PROJECTION IMAGES

The pictures projected throughout the show were created by the young children and some adults that were forced to live in Terezin. We see their daily misery, as well as their hopes and fears, their courage and optimism. You can find many of these images in the book: I Never Saw Another Butterfly: Children’s Drawings and Poems from the Terezin Concentration Camp, 1942-1944 by Hana Volavkova (Editor).

DIRECTOR’S NOTES

AThis year’s Fall Play, And A Child Shall Lead, gives us a window into the lives of the children of Terezin as they faced the horrors of World War II and the Holocaust. Our show is based on their stories, poetry, and art, and is a testament to their bravery and resilience. With our performance of this play, we remember and celebrate them.

I am grateful to the guest educators from the Twin Cities Jewish community who shared their time and expertise with us while we were preparing for this performance. Their knowledge, history and stories were invaluable in helping our cast and crew understand what was happening in the world at that time.

Thank you to the actors for their hard work, commitment, sensitivity, focus, and courage as we present this powerful piece of theatre. I am impressed by the depths of truth and passion that the actors have brought to their work. I also want to thank the artistic staff for their patience, professionalism, and talents, as well as the SPA production team and maintenance crews for their assistance in making this show come alive on the Huss stage.

And finally, thank you to our students’ families. Your support of your child’s love for theatre and performance makes shows of this caliber possible, and helps us fulfill our mission of shaping the minds and the hearts of the people who will change the world. Thank you all!

SPA’s Mission: Shaping the minds and the hearts of the people who will change the world.

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