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Woodinville High School Theatre Presents: Rumors - A comedy by playwright Neil Simon

This April, the Woodinville High School Theatre Company will bring Neil Simon's side-splitting farce *Rumors* to the WHS Theater stage. To quote the playwright himself, "This play has no socially redeeming qualities, but you will laugh the whole way through!"

Rumors is set in a large, tastefully appointed townhouse, where a group of four affluent couples have all been invited to the 10th wedding anniversary dinner party for the Deputy Mayor of New York, Charley Brock, and his wife Myra. Upon arrival, the first guests discover the hostess is missing, the servants have vanished, and the host has shot himself through the earlobe. Though it is only a flesh wound, the self-inflicted injury sets off a series of comic complications as the guests try to conceal the truth of the events from each other, the local police, and the media. As the confusion and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

This door-slamming, hilarious farce ran for 535 performances on Broadway and will now run April 26 - 29, at 7:00 pm, in the Woodinville High School Theater. Tickets are \$15 for General Admission or \$12 for students (with ASB) or seniors (65+) and can be purchased online at www.whstc.org/tickets or at the WHS office. Due to its adult content (prolific adult language and innuendo), this show is not recommended for audiences under 14 years old, or playgoers who are sensitive to swearing.

The cast of this production is comprised of 11 Woodinville High School Theatre Company students, including seniors Alexander Schlegel, Ava Nicholas, Lois Johnson, Lucy Webb, Mario D'Ambrosio, Max Goddard, and Mya Hariri.

Many of the technical aspects of the show, everything from set building and sound to publicity, are handled by crews of students from the WHS Technical Theatre program. Lead Technical Theatre students include Maggie Mayer (Stage Manager and Technical Director), Simon Smith (Assistant Stage Manager), Brielle Harrison (Deck Manager), Jude Phillips, Max Vandall and Liz Armour (Sound Directors), Grace Long (Lighting Director), Luke Dunbar (Lighting Specialist) Jessica Karczeski and Brielle Harrison (Paint Heads), Fell Gutierrez and Mateo Cabral (Costumers), Caoimhe Dobey and Anden Walker (Master Carpenters), Lois Johnson and Janae Arnold (Props Head), Amalie Landry and Lucca Gleason-Geise (Hair and Makeup), Max Goddard (House Manager), and Mya Hariri, Ava Nicholas, and Dani Petersen (Publicity).

The show is directed and designed by Josh Butchart. All productions of the Woodinville High School Theater Company are designed, developed and produced by Katharina Bomers-Muller (Producer), Marsha Stueckle & Karen Severson (Costumes), Stephanie Penoyer (Production Coordinator), Steve Cooper (Lights), Nathaniel Gibbs (Sound), and the Woodinville Drama Boosters, led

by Jenny Webb. Additional support is provided by the Northshore Performing Arts Center staff, led by Marc King.

Woodinville High School Winter Musical: *Rumors*

April 26 -29 at 7:00 pm in the WHS Theater

Woodinville High School Theater

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Tickets: General Admission is \$15, and Student tickets with ASB and seniors (65+) are \$12.00. Tickets will be available online starting April 1 at <https://gofan.co/app/school/WA23370>. See www.whstc.org or the [WHS website](#) for ticketing options and more information.