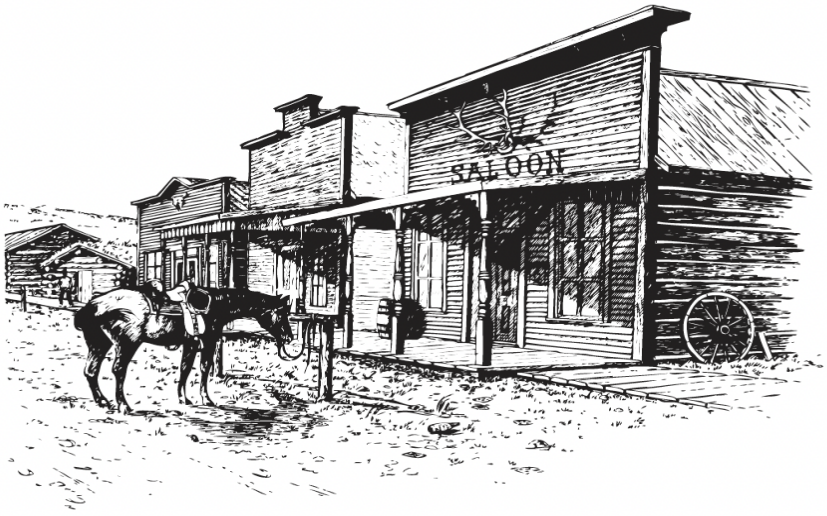
ALIAS SMEDLEY PEWTREE

OR... THE VILLAIN OF GLITTER GULCH

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This Evening's Entertainment:

Pre-show Music

Overture - Bird in a Gilded Cage

Music - Sweet Rosie O'Grady

The Pantomime, The Picnic

Music - When You Were Sweet Sixteen

The Olio, The Mortgage on the Cow

Music - Daisy

Introductions of the Villain, Hero, and Heroine

Music - Home, Sweet Home

Alias, Smedley Pewtree ……. Or the Villain of Glitter Gulch

Bows and Exit Music

Synopsis of the Main Presentation:

The Glitter Gulch Casino has been abandoned for nigh on two decades, but as a winter snow storm takes over the town of Glitter Gulch, the townspeople use the abandoned casino for refuge from the storm. One Act. An over acted, hard to believe performance with an interesting twist at the end.

The Definition of a *Melodrama*

: a work (such as a movie or play) characterized by extravagant theatricality and by the predominance of plot and physical action over characterization

:an actor with a flair for *melodrama*

: the genre of dramatic literature constituted by such works

: something resembling a melodrama especially in having a sensational or theatrical quality. Example: The trial turned into a *melodrama*.

Director's Note:

In my 7 years as the Performing Arts Director at Sycamore High School, I have done a rotation of comedies, dramas, murder mystery dinner theaters and melodramas for our Winter Play. This year is our year for the Melodrama. Normally, we would do it as a part of a dinner theatre, but with Covid and the school mask mandates, we opted for a “food-free” production.

Melodramas started in France, but quickly came to the US as the French immigrants landed on our shores, in the early to mid 1800’s. A Melodrama is all about overacting, physical comedy with “over the top” actors and audience participation. All Melodramas have a Villain, Hero, and Heroine. You, as the audience, will be prompted by our sign girls to react when those characters enter the scene or have any dialogue. We will invite younger children to sit in the front row so they can have more fun throwing “popcorn” at the Villian. To make the most of our time with you, the audience, we have added two different Olios and Old-Time Melodrama Music for your enjoyment. The opening Olio is a pantomime. With NO dialogue - only over acting with physical comedy, in a piece we will call The Picnic. The second is a standard Olio with rhythm and dialogue in Mortgage on the Cow, a short performance and type of Melodrama. Then we will begin our main performance, Alias, Smedley Pewtree ..... or the Villain of Glitter Gulch. I hope you enjoy the show (and I hope you all participate)!

Sue Price Johnson
Winter Play Director

Student Cast List (in Alphabetical Order):

Samantha Calligan ..... Olio Ma, Preacher's Widow

Lilly Faulhaber ..... Pantomime, Goldie

Aaliyah Gallegos ..... Olio Cow, Emcee, Sign Girl

Garrett Harms ..... Olio Sheriff, Obnoxious Little Irving

Arianna Harrison ..... Olio Nell, Emcee, Constance

Cydney Henson ..... Pantomime, Mysterious Old Flower Woman

Elijah Herra ..... Pantomime, Smedley Pewtree

Michael Kocher ..... Olio Pa, Rock Quarry

Emily McCann ..... Pantomime, Mustache Agnes

Hailey Michaels ..... Pantomime, The Assayer

Ashlynn Swank ..... Pantomime, Sign Girl

TEC Students:

Rocio Cauttle..... Light Operator
Sydney DuBois..... Sound Operator
Annelise Schumann.....Video
Quin Dukes..... Stage Manager
Maggie Penate..... Assistant Stage Manager
Jessica Bolda..... Stagehand
Anna Walzer ..... Stagehand

Adult Staff:

Performing Arts Director ..... Sue Price Johnson
Communications Director ..... David Olson
Lighting Director ..... Ralph Helm
Auditorium Manager..... Hannah Nelson

Student Biographies:

Samantha Calligan | Freshman | Olio Ma/Preacher's Widow

Samantha Calligan has been dancing for 10 years at NIDC and has been interested in acting for about 6 years. She is a part of Interact and drama club at SHS. Her first show was "Newsies" with SHS.

Lilly Grace Faulhaber | Sophomore | Pantomime/Goldie

Lilly Grace has been preforming since she was 3 years old when she started dancing. She was in her first musical 'Annie' when she was 7 years old and hasn't stopped since. She hopes everyone has a great time at the show!

Aaliyah Gallegos | Freshman | Olio Cow/Emcee/Sign Girl

Aaliyah has performed in two musicals, she's in choir, plays piano, and was in dance when she was younger. This is her first time performing in a Play/Melodrama, she started gaining interest in theater in the seventh grade and she has enjoyed her experience so far and hopes to continue performing as an occupation.

Garrett Harms | Senior | Olio Sheriff/Obnoxious Little Irving

Garrett has been acting ever since his freshman year, and he's participated in all but one musical during his time at the high school, as well as all the plays. Garrett hopes to attend Columbia College in Chicago for Acting in the Fall, and he wants to thank his friends and family for their support. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Arianna Harrison | Freshman | Olio Nell/Emcee/Constance Lafoon

Arianna has been in theater since middle school but loved it her entire life. When she's not onstage, she enjoys choir, dancing, and film making. She would like to thank her friends for their encouragement! She hopes you enjoy the show!

Elijah Herra | Sophomore | Pantomime/Smedley Pewtree

Elijah Herra has been acting for the past 3 years, the past 2 at Sycamore High School. He enjoys participating in all types of shows, but mostly musicals. He plans on joining choir his Junior year of high school and is currently participating in mens ensemble choir. He would like to thank his family for supporting him throughout the past 3 years in his acting, as well as the friends that he has made along the way. “I hope you enjoy the show!”

Michael Kocher | Sophomore | Olio Pa/Rock Quarry

This is Michaels first play at Sycamore High School. He'd like to thank his family for putting up with his shenanigans and supporting him in the play. He would also like to thank the cast for being so welcoming. He also did an awesome presentation on the doom book.

Emily McCann | Sophomore | Pantomime/Mustache Agnes

This is the second show Emily has been a part of at Sycamore high school. Emily also enjoys being in treble choir and hanging out with friends. She thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.

Hailey Michaels | Sophomore | Pantomime/The Assayer

This is Hailey Michaels first play through Sycamore High School, though she has been doing theater for over 10 years. She is very happy to have been given such a big role this year, and she thanks her parents for supporting her throughout everything she has done. Enjoy the show and have fun!

Ashlynn Swank (Aloe) | Junior | Pantomime/Sign Girl

Aloe Swank has been dressing up, writing stories, and acting them out since they were 4 years old. When they are not working on their passion for the arts, they are a member of the Sycamore High School Sci-Fi Club, a member of a friend group that plays the famous tabletop roleplaying game called “Dungeon’s & Dragons”, and working on their vocal skills. Aloe would like to thank their dog Jai-Jai for saving their life, their mom for their learned independence, to their dad for encouraging their creative mind, to Ken Hafemen for helping them prepare to become a successful adult, and to Mrs. Johnson for allowing them to participate in the play. “I hope you enjoy the performance!”