



ST. PAUL ACADEMY
AND SUMMIT SCHOOL



Our Town

BY THORNTON WILDER

UPPER SCHOOL FALL PLAY 2024

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HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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CAST

Stage Manager.....	Coda Wilson
Mrs. Gibbs, <i>matriarch of the Gibbs family</i>	Madeline Kim
Mrs. Webb, <i>matriarch of the Webb family</i>	Grace Medrano
Doc Gibbs, <i>town doctor</i>	William Hanna
Joe Crowell Jr., <i>paper carrier</i>	Annika J. Kim
Howie Newsome, <i>local milkman</i>	Murray Goff
George Gibbs.....	Rowan Moore
Rebecca Gibbs, <i>George's younger sibling</i>	Frances Matthews
Emily Webb.....	Eleanor Chung Putaski
Wally Webb, <i>Emily's younger sibling</i>	Meili Windorski
Professor Willard, <i>state university professor</i>	Zahra Wiedmann
Ms. Webb, <i>editor of the town newspaper</i>	Aarushi Bahadur
Simon Stimson, <i>choir director and organist</i>	Adam Ebert
Mrs. Soames, <i>town gossip</i>	Lucille Brooks
Constable Warren, <i>town policeman</i>	Desmond Rubenstein
Si Crowell, <i>Joe's younger sibling</i>	Raven Glaser
Jo Stoddard, <i>town undertaker</i>	
Samantha Craig, <i>Emily's cousin</i>	Beatrix Rhone
Woman in the Audience.....	Eva Johnson
Irma Corcoran, <i>choir member and teacher</i>	
A Woman From Among the Dead	
Belligerent Audience Member.....	Ella Barlow
Mrs. Foster, <i>choir member</i>	
A Woman Among the Dead	
Lady in the Audience.....	Sofia Rivera
Martha Sloacum, <i>choir member and passerby</i>	
Another Woman Among the Dead	
Bob, <i>friend of George</i>	Teddy Crook
Baseball Player	
Mourner	
Stew, <i>friend of George</i>	Elliot Gilats
Baseball Player	
Mourner	
Lizzy, <i>friend of Emily</i>	Annika S. Kim
Baseball Player	
Mourner	
Helen, <i>friend of Emily</i>	Lilly Parr
Baseball Player	
Mourner	
Fred, <i>friend of Emily</i>	Kieran Ahearne-Kroll
Wedding Guest	
One of the Dead	
Ernestine, <i>friend of Emily</i>	Izzy Middlebrook
Wedding Guest	
One of the Dead	
Louise, <i>friend of Emily</i>	Oakley Schonwald
Wedding Guest	
One of the Dead	

SYNOPSIS

A landmark in American theater, Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize-winning *Our Town* tells the story of a small town, Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, in order to illuminate the stories of every town, the whole world over. Narrated by the “Stage Manager”, we follow the Gibbs and Webb families and the other residents of Grover’s Corners, through twelve years of life changes — from the mundane, to the romantic, to the heartbreaking. Wilder delivers universal truths about what it means to be human and encourages us all to find value for the smaller events in our lives.

ACT I: Daily Life

ACT II: Love and Marriage

ACT III: Death and Eternity

There will be a 5-minute intermission between each Act.

MUSIC SELECTIONS

“Concerto en sol” by Maurice Ravel

“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds” by John Fawcett

“Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid” by John Mason Neale

“Largo” from Xerxes by Handel

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” by Charles Wesley

“Venetian Boat Song No. 2” by Mendelssohn

“Light of a Clear Blue Morning” by Dolly Parton

ARTISTIC STAFF

Director.....	Eric Severson
Assistant Director.....	Akie Kutsunai
Technical Director/Scenic Designer.....	Tyler Krohn
Lighting Designer.....	Mitch Frazier
Vocal Arrangements and Coaching.....	Tim Kraack
ASL Interpreters.....	Breanna Boyce, Tamajai Grady
Light Board Operators.....	Josh Holloway, Peter Ostrem, Tarq Johnson
Sound Board Operator.....	Belle Weng
Foley Sound Effects.....	Kieran Ahearne-Kroll Adam Ebert, Eva Johnson, Annika S. Kim, Lilly Parr, Oakley Schonwald, Zahra Wiedmann, Meili Windorski
Set Crew.....	Emma Brewton, Raven Glaser, Tarq Johnson Izzy Middlebrook, Lilly Parr, Eli Perry, Eleanor Chung Putaski, Oakley Schonwald, Zahra Wiedmann
Program Design.....	Elizabeth Longhurst, Anne Odegard
Photographer.....	John Severson
Videographer.....	Elliot Sjaastad '26

SPECIAL THANKS

Gene Swanson, Matt Edens, Jim Szalzy, Melissa Douden, Pete Kilibarda and the entire Maintenance Staff, Sami Greene and the entire Safety and Security staff, John Cole, Warren Weber, Garry Clum, Ed Williams, Minnie Lee, Stacy Tepp, Tom Anderson, Dr. Luis Ottley, Daryn Lowman, Tyler Krohn, Mitch Frazier, Anne Odegard, Ami Berger, John and Lynne Severson, Jeff Wenberg, Jenny Borovsky, Shireen Rahnema, Cat Mullen, Michelle Gilats, Sarah Johnson, Katie Barlow, Eddie and Airika Coblentz, Charles Billington, Carrie Eagles, Andrea Sachs, Josephine Chung, Melissa Kim, Chuck Andres, Justin Purves, Shruti Joshi, Akie Kutsunai, Meg Tietz, Liz Camozzi, Charisma Kumar, The Costume Collective, Next Stage Rental Market, and the amazing cast and crew of *Our Town*.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

As I sit down to reflect on this production, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude. I feel incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by such a kind, creative, intelligent, thoughtful, generous, supportive, passionate, and talented cast and crew. Each of these wonderful individuals has poured their heart and soul into this show, and it has truly been a joy to watch their dedication and artistry come to life.

Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* offers a powerful reminder: life isn't always made up of big, dramatic moments. Most of life unfolds in the quiet, simple, everyday instances that we often overlook. It's in these moments—the shared smiles, the conversations, the everyday rituals—that life's true beauty resides.

Working with this group of performers has been a true privilege. They challenge me, inspire me, and, most of all, they make me laugh. Every rehearsal has been a reminder of why I love theater: it's the way we share a collective experience, explore our humanity, and connect with one another through stories. This show is inspired by each and every person who has contributed to it, from the actors on stage to the entire creative team behind the scenes.

I hope that, as you watch this performance, you will find yourself appreciating those little things that make life so rich. In a world that often pulls us toward the next big thing, may this show serve as a gentle nudge to slow down, notice the small details, and savor the moments that often pass us by.

HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS STAFF

Director of Technology.....	Garry Clum
Media/Technology Coordinator.....	Gene Swanson
Web Manager and Media Coordinator.....	Matt Edens
Director of Operations and Security.....	John Cole
Facilities Superintendent.....	Pete Kilibarda
Scheduling Supervisor.....	Melissa Douden
Safety and Security Supervisor.....	Samatha Greene
Huss Center Production Coordinator.....	Eric Severson

SPA PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR 2024-2025

All performances at Huss Center except where otherwise noted

US FALL PLAY

Our Town

November 22, 2024, 7 pm

November 23, 2024, 7 pm

US POPS CONCERT

December 6, 2024, 7 pm

December 7, 2024, 7 pm

MS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

December 18, 2024, 6:30 pm

MS CHORAL CONCERT

December 19, 2024, 6:30 pm

US ONE-ACTS

January 24, 2025, 7 pm

MS MUSICAL

Between the Lines, Jr.

March 7, 2025, 7 pm

March 8, 2025, 7 pm

March 9, 2025, 2 pm

M/US JAZZ BAND CABARET

April 16, 2025, 6:30 pm

US ORCHESTRA/VOCAL CONCERT AND COMMUNITY CHORALE

April 26, 2025, 7 pm

US MUSICAL

May 16, 2025, 7 pm

May 17, 2025, 7 pm

May 18, 2025, 4 pm

MS SPRING SHOWCASE

May 22, 2025, 6:30 pm

MS INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

May 28, 2025, 6:30 pm

MS CHORAL CONCERT

May 29, 2025, 6:30 pm