

NORTHERN LEHIGH LITTLE THEATRE presents



FRI. NOV. 15 | SAT. NOV. 16 | SUN. NOV. 17
SHOW: 7:00 P.M. | SHOW: 7:00 P.M. | SHOW: 2:00 P.M.

NORTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

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NL STUDIOS' DAILY NEWS SHOW

THE DOG DISH

SEASON 2

CHECK OUT NLSTUDIOSCHANNEL
ON YOUTUBE FOR DOG DISH HIGHLIGHTS

INCLUDING A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT **The Odd Couple**

Northern Lehigh Little Theatre
presents

Neil Simon's
The ODD Couple
FEMALE EDITION

CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

Mickey	Brie Williams
Renee	Victoria Oquendo
Vera	Taylor Duplaga
Sylvie	Sandra Moran
Olive Madison	Lydia DeLong
Florence Unger	Alexis Middaugh
Manolo Costazuela	Jacob Heintzelman
Jesus Costazuela	Gavin Fricker

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Time: The Present.

Place: Olive Madison's Riverside Drive apartment.

ACT I

A hot summer's night.

ACT II

Scene 1: Two weeks later, about 11:00 p.m.

Scene 2: A few days later, about 8:00 p.m.

Scene 3: The next evening, about 7:30 p.m.

THERE WILL BE ONE INTERMISSION

ARTISTIC CREW

◆ Ashley Anderson	◆◆ Abigail Hillegas
♣ Jacob Bachman	♣ Anna Hillegas
♣◆♥ Audrey Buss	◆◆ Breanna Hoffman
♣◆♥ Angel Carlo	◆ Monica Mankos
♣◆♥ Angela Carlo	◆◆ Lena Morales
♣◆♥ Stephanie Carlo	♣ Zach Ohlson
◆ Deandra Delora	♥ Kiara Rhyne
♣◆♥ Alyssa Dominguez	♣◆♥ Nick Roth
♣◆♥ Nicole Foust	♣◆♥ Tyler Roth
◆♥ Makayla Gordon	♣◆ Eline Santos
♥ Connie Hepner	♣ Chance Trantham

♣ Construction ◆ Design/Painting ♥ Costumes ♣ Props

STAGE CREW

Sound Board Operator	Nick Roth
Light Board Operator	Jacob Bachman
Spotlight Operators	Tyler Roth Zach Ohlson
Running Crew	Audrey Buss Connie Hepner Nicole Foust Breanna Hoffman

PUBLICITY CREW

Hayden Falenwolfe
Tyler Hoffman
Marissa Ruth

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PRODUCTION CREW

Director	Mr. Nicholas Sander
Artistic Director	Mr. Stephen Shuey
Set Construction	Mr. Chris Bennett
Lighting & Sound	Mr. Randall Utsch
Assistant Director/Publicity	Mr. Andrew Kern
Technical Director	Ms. Emily Buss



THEATRE ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre Association is to provide moral support, volunteer aid, and assistance to the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre as it strives for excellence.

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LYDIA DeLONG as Olive Madison

Lydia DeLong is now in her senior year at Northern Lehigh High School and has been involved in six prior Northern Lehigh Little Theatre productions, including *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Gypsy*, and *Once on This Island*. She also served as Co-Student Director for last fall's murder mystery *And Then There Were None*. Her extracurricular activities include Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Show Choir, and County Choir, in addition to volunteering at her church. Lydia states, "I would like to thank my family and friends for their support but more importantly I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus who keeps me going everyday."

Fun Fact: Lydia's inspirations include musician and "first lady of jazz" Ella Fitzgerald and the American composer/pianist George Gershwin.



TAYLOR DUPLAGA as Vera

In her acting debut, junior Taylor Duplaga joins the cast of *Neil Simon's The Odd Couple* in the role of Vera. An active member of Marching Band, Winter Color Guard, Yearbook, Newspaper, and Scholastic Scrimmage, Taylor also serves as President of the Spanish Club and Vice President of the Class of 2015. She also loves to read, cook, and watch the television series *Supernatural*. Taylor would like to thank her parents, her best friend Meghan Miller-Brown, her bandmates, and her boyfriend Jacob Heintzelman (and his multiple personalities).

Fun Fact: Taylor enjoys food so much that she once kept a 5-lb. bag of candy corn in her locker to eat between classes.



ALEXIS MIDDAUGH as Florence Unger

Alexis Middaugh is currently in her junior year at Northern Lehigh High School. *The Odd Couple* marks Alexis' fourth show with the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre, having previously appeared in *Little Shop of Horrors*, *And Then There Were None*, and *Gypsy*, which earned her a 2011 Freddy Award nomination for *Outstanding Small Ensemble Performance*. She is also active in Field Hockey, Church Choir, Women's Choir, and Library Club, in addition to taking vocal lessons. Alexis would like to thank her amazing parents, her boyfriend, and her extended family. Her inspirations include her grandmother, her brother Darien, and her Aunt Gloria.

Fun Fact: Alexis once defeated several linemen from Northern Lehigh's 2010 District Championship Football team in a chicken wing eating contest.



VICTORIA OQUENDO as Renee

Victoria Oquendo is currently in her freshman year at Northern Lehigh High School and is participating in her third production with the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre. She has previously appeared in the 2011 modern retelling of *Romeo & Juliet* and the 2012 musical *Gypsy*. In her spare time, Victoria loves shopping for shoes, eating chili, and sleeping for longer than she is awake. She would like to thank her mom and dad for driving her to practices and for their constant support. Victoria's main source of inspiration is her cat, Kitty, who brings her joy and keeps her going strong every single day.

Fun Fact: Victoria is only capable of eating ham if it is accompanied by an equal portion of potato chips.



BRIE WILLIAMS as Mickey

Senior Brie Williams has been a regular player in the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre for the past five stage productions, including *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Gypsy*, and *Once on This Island*, which earned her a 2011 Freddy Award nomination for *Outstanding Performance by a Featured Dancer*. In addition to playing a small supporting role, she also served as Co-Student Director for last fall's *And Then There Were None*. Her extracurricular activities include SADD, Spanish Club, Interact, Yearbook, Band, Choir, and Women's Choir. Brie would like to thank her mother, who she says is her hero, as well as her family, friends, and God.

Fun Facts: Brie is an avid dancer and is extremely flexible. She also loves the colors purple and pink, tacos, and hugs.



JAKE HEINTZELMAN as Manolo

In the comedic supporting role of Manolo Costazuela, Jake "Li'l Bear" Heintzelman celebrates his ninth production with the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre, having previously appeared in the recent spring musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. He has also held featured parts in last fall's *And Then There Were None*, 2012's *Gypsy*, and 2011's *Once on This Island*. He is also actively involved in the Marching Band and Audit Choir, as well performing double-duty as the Secretary and Historian for the Class of 2015. Jake would like to extend his sincerest gratitude to his family, his girlfriend Taylor Duplaga, and the other voices in his head.

Fun Fact: The electric chair was actually invented by a New York dentist named Alfred P. Southwick.



SANDRA MORAN as Sylvie

Sandra Moran makes her Northern Lehigh Little Theatre debut as Sylvie in this fall's production of *The Odd Couple*. In addition to taking the stage for her senior year at Northern Lehigh High School, Sandra is actively involved on the Basketball and Softball teams and also plays percussion in the Concert Band and Marching Band. Citing her mother as her inspiration, Sandra would like to thank her parents and her brothers Chris and Nat for keeping her sane, putting up with her craziness, and always laughing. In her spare time, Sandra enjoys to write her own music and songs.

Fun Fact: At age 16, Sandra got a tattoo that was inspired by her idol, singer-songwriter and actress Demi Lovato.



GAVIN FRICKER as Jesus

Having previously participated in the Pit Orchestra for Northern Lehigh Little Theatre's *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Gypsy*, and *Once on This Island*, senior Gavin Fricker now makes his acting debut as Jesus Costazuela in *Neil Simon's The Odd Couple*. Throughout his high school career, he has been involved in Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Debate Team, German Club, and Library Club. He would also like to offer a special thank you to Aidan Burke, Violent J., and Shaggy Two Dope. When asked for a personal quote, Gavin's response was simply, "I'm just the best looking pony in the glue factory."

Fun Fact: "I can hold my breath longer than you... I don't care who you are... I can do it."



PRODUCTION BIOS

MR. NICHOLAS SANDER, Director

Mr. Nicholas Sander graduated from Kutztown University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in History. He received his teaching certification in 2009 and began teaching at Northern Lehigh that same year. Mr. Sander is no stranger to Northern Lehigh Little Theatre productions. He was actively involved in the program as a student of Northern Lehigh, and was nominated for a Freddy Award in 2003 for his performance in *My Fair Lady*. He made his directorial debut with last year's fall play, *And Then There Were None* and followed it up in the spring with the Freddy Award-winning musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. *The Odd Couple* is Mr. Sander's third production as director of the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre.

Fun Fact: A *James Bond* aficionado, Mr. Sander can instantly - and without assistance - list all twenty-three films in chronological order and name the actor portraying the famous super-spy in each installment.

MR. STEPHEN SHUEY, Artistic Director

Mr. Shuey graduated from Kutztown University in 2007 with a B.S. in Art Education. Mr. Shuey currently teaches Graphic Arts 1 & 2, Cultures & Crafts, and Theatre Art & Design classes here at Northern Lehigh High School. This will be Mr. Shuey's 6th year overseeing the two-time Freddy Award winning artistic design team. The team received Freddys in Stage Design for 2011's *Once on This Island* and 2013's *Little Shop of Horrors*. Mr. Shuey would like to thank all who make the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre program such a success and a special thank you to his wife, Christina, for her support & help throughout the theatre season.

Fun Facts: Mr. Shuey owns a polo shirt for every color of the rainbow. He also makes beautiful jewelry for his wife and speaks *eine bisschen Deutsch*.

MR. CHRISTOPHER BENNETT, Set Construction

Mr. Bennett is a 2008 graduate of Millersville University and is a Technology Education teacher at Northern Lehigh High School, teaching Principles of Technology 1 & 2 and Computer Aided Drafting 1 & 2. Currently in his fourth year with the Little Theatre, his set construction work on *Once on This Island* in 2011 and *Little Shop of Horrors* in 2013 helped to earn the Little Theatre two Freddy Awards for *Outstanding Use of Scenery*. Mr. Bennett has vast experience in architectural design & carpentry and was eager to use this experience as an educational opportunity for the students. He also serves as a volunteer coach for the varsity baseball team and co-produces the high school's daily news broadcast, *The Dog Dish*.

Fun Fact: Mr. Bennett is an avid guitar player and can play the bass guitar, trumpet, euphonium, and the trombone. Recently, he incorporated his enthusiasm for music into the Principles of Technology curriculum and now teaches students how to build their own guitars.

PRODUCTION BIOS

MR. RANDALL UTSCH, Lighting & Sound

Mr. Utsch has had a long history of involvement with the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre. As a student at Northern Lehigh, he spent several years in the Pit Orchestra before making the move to the stage for 2000's *The Music Man*. After graduating from college, he joined the orchestra once again and then moved up to help with stage crew and lighting & sound. In addition to his work with the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre, he has also assisted in lighting design and tech work for several shows at Nazareth Area High School & Middle School.

Fun Fact: This fall's production of *Neil Simon's The Odd Couple* is especially familiar to Mr. Utsch, who served as student director when the show was previously performed by the Little Theatre in 1999.

MR. ANDREW KERN, Assistant Director/Publicity

As a student at NLHS, Mr. Kern appeared onstage in seven Northern Lehigh Little Theatre productions, including - coincidentally - 1999's female edition of *The Odd Couple*, playing the part of Manolo (no pressure, Jake). Now he is enjoying his new role behind the scenes as Assistant Director and Publicity Director for 2013's production of *The Odd Couple*. Mr. Kern earned his BFA in Communication Design from Kutztown University in 2004 and spent several years working for graphic design and video production companies in the Lehigh Valley. He earned his teaching certification in 2011 and was thrilled to join the Northern Lehigh High School faculty as a Technology Education teacher in 2012. In addition to teaching, Mr. Kern co-produces the high school's morning show, *The Dog Dish*, with his friend and colleague, Mr. Bennett. He also maintains the district website and oversees production on the yearly Senior Class Video. Mr. Kern currently resides within the district with his new wife Whitney, whom he thanks for her love, support, and patience... but mostly patience.

Fun Fact: Instead of shopping, Mr. Kern intends to spend Black Friday consecutively watching the *Back to the Future* trilogy... a yearly ritual that he has dubbed "Back Friday."

MS. EMILY BUSS, Technical Director

Ms. Buss is a 2012 graduate of the Northern Lehigh School District and has been a part of the Little Theatre throughout her high school career. She is currently attending classes at Lehigh Carbon Community College, where she is the Project Reach Assistant for the Teacher Education Department. This is her second year as Technical Director and she is extremely excited to be back as a part of the Production Team.

Fun Fact: Emily is currently the youngest employee at Lehigh Carbon Community College and the youngest to be employed in the Teacher Education Department.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

For my third production with the Northern Lehigh Little Theatre program, I wanted something fun for our kids and familiar to our audiences. Many of you may remember the popular film from 1968, or the Emmy Award nominated series from the 1970s; both of which chronicled the exploits of Felix Unger and Oscar Madison. Both these adaptations of Neil Simon's original stage play have a permanent place in popular culture and remain hilarious and enjoyable to this day.

It became immediately apparent when I took over the theatre program last year that we have some truly talented young ladies at Northern Lehigh. The female edition of *The Odd Couple* gave us the ability to tell a familiar story and at the same time showcase our tremendous female talent. We put together a group of six girls that play their parts like they were written specifically for them! Lydia, Brie, Alexis, and Victoria are veterans of our stage, while Taylor and Sandra are making a promising debut. In addition to some gifted girls, we also have two hilarious young men who are comedians on and off stage!

It is with my sincere gratitude that I thank you for your continued support for our program; whether this is your first year with us, or your 44th. I hope you enjoy the show, and I encourage you to return in the spring for our production of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Thanks and enjoy!



MR. NICHOLAS J. SANDER
Director

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