



AN LHS PRODUCTION!

TOO MUCH ZOOM MAKES THE BABY GO BOOM!

30 plays in 60 minutes
written entirely by
LHS students

starts @
7:30,
NOVEMBER
19th+20th!

Libertyville High School Theatre

WELCOME TO OUR PLAY

Some notes to guide you through our webinar performance:

- ★ Tonight's performance is interactive! Please add your responses when we prompt you! We want you to participate!
- ★ Performers recorded the majority of their performances ahead of time following COVID safety measures, and some of the performances will also be performed live from their computers at home.
- ★ After the show, if you are interested you may use the chat feature (Click "Chat" → Click "Panelists") to wish the performers congratulations by writing them a message in the webinar!



L H S T H E A T E R

Our Mission

Libertyville High School Theatre strives to cultivate DARING performers and artists who engage in the transformative process of theatre, foster community, and shine their light.

Director's Note:

Times like these remind me that creating theatre is essential to our humanity. We are all storytellers in some way, and the art of *sharing* those stories through theatre reveals pieces of who we are. Tonight's performances all reflect pieces of the students who created the plays. *Too Much Zoom Makes the Baby Go Boom!* is a collection of stories that are all based in some truth from the cast members' lives. Personally, I had such a fun time working with these students, all of whom willingly shared their stories and ideas as we crafted all 30 plays. Each play became a collaborative adventure where I witnessed students brainstorm ideas, share boldly and vulnerably, build each other up, and creatively collaborate. They took their ideas from the page and turned many spaces into their own stages. They learned video editing skills to create the final products. Their commitment to the process reflects their love for making theatre, and their joy in doing so with their friends.

You'll notice that the plays have a variety of themes and tones ranging from serious & reflective to funny & satirical. This collection also reflects a sampling of their inner-thoughts, senses of humor, shared perspectives, and goofy personalities. As we went through this process, I am truly impressed by their work ethic, tenacity, and creativity in creating 100% of the content you will see in the performance over a five week timespan. Moreover, they did all of this amidst the restrictions and challenges of the pandemic. They continue to illustrate how theatre kids figure out how to creatively overcome challenges, persevere, and still have fun along the way.



We hope you enjoy the performance!

Christopher Thomas | Director

THE ENSEMBLE

Hayden Anderson

Jordana Block-Terson

Katarina Denkovski

Katherine Fosmoen*+

Atalhea Herman

Ty Holzwarth*

David Joseph

Grant Klimek*

Ella Kozlowski

Lucia Loffredo*+

Reeve Lounsbury*

Erin Matulenko

Cris Montero*

Eleni Rappa

Ivy Schafer*

Nadia Simpson*

Arwen Townander

THE CREW

Student Production Staff

Stage Manager

Bella Perkins*

Assistant Stage Manager

Ambika Trivedi*

Lead Designers

Paige Vang*

Avery Vang*

Art Crew

Ana Fouts*

Becca Hardy

Regan McCane*

Editors

Tyler Bever

Andrew Fouts

Atalhea Herman

Ty Holzwarth*

Grace Huber

David Joseph

Ella Kozlowski

Reeve Lounsbury*

Erin Matulenko

Cris Montero*

Jacob Neumann

Bella Perkins*

Eleni Rappa

Ivy Schafer*

Nadia Simpson*

Nicholas Taub

Arwen Townander

Ambika Trivedi*

Technical Running Crew **Grace Huber**
 Quinn Ramstedt*
 Ambika Trivedi*

All Original Artwork **Paige Vang* & Avery Vang***

*denotes membership in International Thespian Society Troupe #1344

+denotes leadership on LHS Stageplayers Exec Board

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director **Christopher Thomas***
Technical Director **Jeremy Blair***
Costumers **David Lundholm & Sarah Lester**
Ticket Manager **Kelly Brosio**
Technical Theatre
Manager **Kevin Holly***

A special *thanks* to
our friends...

And thank you to all
the parents and families
of the cast, crews, and
other friends of LHS
Theatre who have given
their support, time, and
talents to make this
production successful,
especially during these
challenging times!

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Additional thanks goes to:

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Jackie Ovassapian*	Eli McEwan*

Shannon McCane, FAST Theatre Rep.
& *all* FAST volunteers

CAST & CREW BIOGRAPHIES

Hayden Anderson (she/her/hers) Hayden (cast) is a freshman at LHS and is excited to be a part of this incredible production. Previous productions that Hayden has been in include *The Show That Must Go Online* (Tommy Tooth) at Highland Middle school. She also was in *Elf Jr.* with Big Deal Productions and played the role of Sarah. Hayden also enjoys singing, and writing music. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in this experience! Break legs everyone!

Jordana Block Terson (she/her/hers) Jordana (cast) is a freshman and is thrilled to be in her second LHS Theatre production! Outside of LHS theatre, her more recent productions include *Mary Poppins jr.* (Mary Poppins), *Once on this Island jr.* (Erzulie), *Annie* (Annie), and *The Lion King jr.* (Nala). When she is not performing, she loves to sing and go shopping. Jordana would like to thank her family for supporting *TMZMTBGB!* and hopes you enjoy the show!

Katarina Denkovski (she/her/hers) Katarina (cast) is delighted to be a part of *To Much Zoom Makes The Baby Go Boom*. Her most recent performances have been Super in *Air Guitar High*, Fantine in *Les Miserables*, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and Les in *Newsies*. She is also a part of Advocats and loves spending time with her friends and family. She has performed at Improv Playhouse for many years and is excited to be now working with LHS theatre.

Katherine Fosmoen (she/her/hers) Katherine (cast) is a Junior and so excited to be a part of *TMZ!* She has been in many past LHS shows such as *A Love Letter*, *Comedy Sportz*, *Shipwrecked*, *All Shook Up*, *Air Guitar High*, and both *One Acts*. Outside of theater she is a part of different choirs and Model United Nations. She thanks her family for supporting her and hopes the audience loves this unique theater experience!

Andrew Fouts (He/Him/His) Andrew (crew) is happy to be working on *Too Much Zoom Makes The Baby Go Boom* as his first show at LHS, he is a freshman and is looking forward to more years on crew.

Ana Fouts (She/Her/Hers) Ana (crew) is honored to work on *Too Much Zoom Makes The Baby Go Boom!* She also enjoyed working on *All Shook Up* with her friends! Even though this year has been different, she has enjoyed still being able to do crew! She would like to thank her parents for taking time out of their schedules to take her to crew!

"I learned that even though there is a pandemic going on, it shouldn't stop you from doing what you love and want to do as long as you are staying safe."

Becca Hardy (*She/Her/Hers*) Becca (crew) is excited to have helped with crew for *Too Much Zoom!* She is a sophomore at LHS and this is her second year on crew. Becca has been on crew for *All Shook Up*, *Air Guitar High*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Love Letters*, and *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Atalehea Herman (*She/Her/Hers*) Atalhea (cast) has had a blast working on *TMZMTBGB!* She has enjoyed writing, filming, and editing the scenes. Previous shows she was in include *A Love Letter* at LHS and *Into the Woods* at Improv Playhouse. Atalhea participated in *Aladdin* and *The Show Must Go Online* at Highland, and has done many other shows at Improv Playhouse. She would like to thank the cast and crew for working so hard to put this show together!

Grace Huber (*She/Her/Hers*) Grace (Dramaturg/crew) is so excited to be helping on crew, in her first ever production at LHS. Grace is a freshman who enjoys reading, being outside, and watching movies with her family. She is very grateful to have had the opportunity to be on crew for the first time, and would like to thank her dog for always getting in her way while she was editing.

Grant Klimek (*He/Him/His*) Grant (cast) is a junior at LHS and is happy to perform in this virtual show. He has worked on most of the shows since he came to LHS. He has worked everywhere from backstage to onstage and can't wait to show everyone his shows.
“*There was a lot of mistakes, like the amount of sauce in my computer.*”

David Joseph (*he/him/his*) David (cast) is a sophomore this year and is extremely excited to be in *Too Much Zoom....* He has been in many LHS productions before like *A Love Letter*, *All Shook Up*, *Air Guitar High*, and *One Acts*. He will also like to thank his wonderful family for supporting him the whole time. He hopes you will enjoy the show!

Ella Kozlowski (*She/Her/Hers*) Ella (cast) is so excited to be in this play. She is a junior who loves art and biking. She would like to thank her mom and brother for always supporting her.

Lucia Loffredo (*She/Her/Hers*) Lucia (cast) is a senior at LHS. She has been part of LHS theatre since freshman year. Lucia participated in productions like *All Shook Up* and *Romeo and Juliet* and much more. She is happy she is able to keep participating in theatre even during these hard times. “*ya'll... nothing is impossible.*”

Regan McCane (*She/Her/Hers*) Regan (crew) is thrilled to be a part of *Too Much Zoom Makes the Baby Go Boom*. Her most recent shows she's been a part of have been in *All Shook Up*, *Air Guitar High*, and *Love Letters* at LHS. Regan wants to thank her family for supporting her through the shows!

Erin Matulenko (*she/her/hers*) Erin (cast) is a freshman at LHS. She is so happy to be able to perform at her second Libertyville Highschool Production! She enjoys other activities such as drawing and taekwondo. Previous productions she's been in include *Aladdin*, *Emma: A pop musical*, and an online show of *The show must go online*. She is very grateful for her parents, siblings, and friends for helping her through this journey.

Cris Montero (*He/Him/His*) Cris (cast) is excited to perform in *Too Much Zoom Makes the Baby Go Boom!* This marks his third production with LHS after being in *Air Gitar High* and *A Love Letter*. He would like to thank all of his friends in theatre who push him to become a better actor everyday, and he hopes you will enjoy the show!

Quinn Ramstedt (*He/Him/His*) Quinn (crew) is excited to be on the running crew for another show. Quinn is a senior who has been in 17 other shows/one acts as both cast and crew. His more recent cast shows include *All Shook Up* and his most recent crew show is *A Love Letter* where he was the lead carpenter. Outside of theater he does a variety of things such as playing a boat load of video games and spending too much money on the game "Magic the Gathering". He would like to thank his parents for all the love and support they give, his dog Ruby for being the best dog ever, and his brothers for keeping him sane and insane all at the same time.

Eleni Rappa (*She/Her/Hers*) Eleni (cast) is so excited to be in *Too Much Zoom!* She has never done anything quite like it. She has previously been in *A Love Letter*, *Into the Woods*, and *Legally Blonde*. Eleni is also on the swim team at LHS, book club, and scholastic bowl. She wants to give a shout out to Mr. Thomas for being very flexible with schedules.

"At first I was nervous handing off a scene to another person, but as soon as I saw it, I was so grateful for the hard work that person had put in."

Nadia Simpson (*She/Her/Hers*) Nadia (cast) is so excited to be a part of *TMZMTBGB!* She is a junior at LHS and has been involved in several LHS productions such as *All Shook Up*, *A Love Letter*, *One Acts*, *Bleacher Bums*, and *Pippin*. She is so excited to be a part of such a unique production and she would like to thank her directors, family, and friends for always supporting her!

Arwen Townander (*She/Her/Hers*) Arwen (cast) is a sophomore at LHS this year and has had a lot of fun being involved with *Too Much Zoom Makes the Baby Go Boom*. Outside of theater, she is involved with band, choir, and spending time with her dog. Some of Arwen's most recent productions she's been involved with have been *A Love Letter* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

Ambika Trivedi (*She/Her/Hers*) Ambika (Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to share one of this year's winter plays with you! Ambika has worked on other LHS productions such as *Pippin*, *Shipwrecked!*, *All Shook Up*, *Air Gitar High*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *A Love Letter*. In her free time, Ambika likes to sing and watch TV. She can't wait for you to see the show!

Paige Vang (*She/Her/Hers*) Paige (crew) has been a part of LHS Theater ever since her freshman year. *TMZMTBGB* is her 10th(ish) show she has worked on! Now she is a senior, who shares the role of scenic charge/paint head with her sister Avery for many of the shows. *TMZMTBGB* is very different from any other show she has worked on, this time creating digital artwork throughout the show instead of creating sets and props. She is also involved in LHS badminton, Mu Alpha Theta, and art club/art classes. She would like to thank Mr. Blair, for always being wonderful and helpful, and her parents, who didn't yell at her for staying up until 5 AM to finish the artwork.

"My favorite moment in the crew process was finally starting to see everything getting put together. After drawing all of the slides and animations, finally putting them all in with their scenes was really rewarding."