

Playbill

Vestal Middle School

THE SHOW MUST GO

ONLINE!

A Virtual Children's Musical



Book by **Jessica Penzias**
Lyrics by **Dave Hudson**
Music by **Denver Casado**

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MUSICAL NUMBERS



Don't Give Up, Part 1	Actor A
Brushes with Greatness, Part 1	Actor D
The Show Must Go Online, Part 1	Actor E
Defying Cavities, Part 1	Actor F
Quiet Time, Part 1	Actor G
My Face, Part 1	Actor J
My Face, Part 2	Actor K
Harold Rinse, Part 1	Actor M
Brushes with Greatness, Part 2	Actor O
Don't Give Up, Part 2	Actor P
Quiet Time, Part 2	Actor Q
Harold Rinse, Part 2	Actor R
My Face, Part 3	Actor S
Defying Cavities, Part 2	Actor T
The Show Must Go Online (Full Song)	Everyone



CAST OF CHARACTERS



Drama Teacher	Mrs. Laramee
Actor A	Raymond Mattice
Actor B	Camden Gendron
Actor C	Jessica Yetsko
Actor D	Poonam Gujral
Actor E	Gurleen Kaur
Actor F	Ryleigh Dando
Actor G	Sophia Juriga
Actor H	Ellie Russell
Actor I	Mrs. Battestin
Actor J	Nicholas Catarella
Actor K	Peyton Tobler
Actor L	Mr. Duffy
Actor M	Camden Gendron
Actor N	Nico Mitsakos
Actor O	Ariella Rabineau
Actor P	Jessica Yetsko
Actor Q	Angela Mellin
Actor R	Elinor Davidovich
Actor S	Owen Majka
Actor T	Katie Klimachefsky

** - with special appearances by: Eran Saitov, Vivienne Juriga,
Emily Klimachefsky, Megan Klimachefsky, Toulouse Laramee, Daisy Russell

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



In these unprecedented times, we must think outside of the box. I have found these students to be a source of joy and inspiration. They accepted the fact that we had to cancel the show last year with grace and then came back to do a musical like we have never done before. They were willing to record themselves and to embark on an adventure that I think they won't regret. Instead of no musical, we decided that the "Show Must Go Online!" I hope that you all enjoy this show! Even though we weren't together to rehearse and film, this show wouldn't be the same without all involved. These cast members impressed me with their talent and their skills and I'm sure they will impress you! Enjoy!

Elaine Laramee
Director

PRODUCTION STAFF & SPECIAL THANKS



DIRECTOR Elaine Laramee
 PUBLICITY Regina Felice
 PROGRAM DESIGN Michelle Schaub
 VESTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION Jane Hashey,
 Ashley McKenna and Melissa Williams

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 Mrs. Melissa Williams, Assistant Principal

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Vestal Music Department

Ernest Backus	Elaine Laramee
Megan Burczynski	Chris Lewis-King
Denise Lacey-Corcoran	Vanessa Snyder
Ruth Crissman	Stephenie Swart
Miranda Crosley	Kimberly Tyler
Kacie Doty	Aubrey Warneck
Taleah Graham	Steven Wendell
Greg Harris	Amelia Wilson
Austin Kiley	

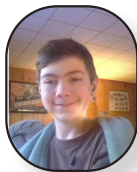
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You! Parents, family, and friends of our students	
Thanks for your continued support of music education at VMS!	

WE APOLOGIZE IF WE INADVERTENTLY LEFT ANYONE OFF THE PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!



WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW



NICHOLAS CATARELLA (ACTOR J)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** Frozen Jr. (almost), The Wizard of Oz, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory **Extra Curricular Activities:** modified soccer, drama club, glee club **Goal:** To not go crazy over low amounts of human social activities.



RYLEIGH DANDO (ACTOR F)

Grade: 8 **Previous Experience:** VMS productions: Willy Wonka Jr., Frozen Jr. (which was never able to be performed) and THE school musicals (from grades K-5) **Extra Curricular Activities:** vestal marching band, drama club, art club **Goal:** I hope to continue learning more about being a good actress, and most of all being able to make meaningful relationships with my fellow actors and actresses! **Parting Thought:** Over the past three years I have met so many amazing and talented people, many I have become close friends with. I have learned so much about acting, singing and friendship and had lots of fun doing so. After everything that has happened this past year, I am very glad that we were still able to do a show, even though it was not in person, it was still very special!



ELINOR DAVIDOVICH (TOMMY TOOTH - ACTOR R)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** I was in the musical last year and played Young Elsa, chorus (grade 4 - present), dance (3 - 12 years old), BCMEA chorus and orchestra (grades 5-6), orchestra (grade 4 - present), select chorus (grade 6), glee club. **Extra Curricular Activities:** art club, student council, drama club, glee club **Goal:** To enjoy the process, entertain people, and make them happy!



CAMDEN GENDRON (ACTOR B and ACTOR M)

Grade: 8 **Previous Experience:** School musicals (Grade 1 - present) **Extra Curricular Activities:** competitive dancer, glee club. **Goal:** My goal is to continue doing the things I love through all of high school. **Parting Thought:** These past three years have been so much fun. In sixth grade, I got to play Veruca Salt in Willy Wonka Jr. I remember I was so surprised and excited when I found out. Every day I looked forward to going to rehearsal to learn and have fun. The musical was definitely the highlight of my year, and such an amazing experience for me. Then in seventh grade, I got the part of Anna in Frozen Jr. I was so shocked and beyond excited. I couldn't believe it. I had a blast preparing for the show, and I learned so much. But then, COVID hit. I was so sad because the week we were supposed to come back from break, was the week of the show. So I knew it had to be postponed. But I made sure that I was prepared for when we came back. But then we found out that the musical



was officially cancelled. I was crushed. We had all worked so hard, and it was such an amazing opportunity for me. I don't think I'll really ever get over the fact that we never got to perform the show. But I think about how lucky I was to have worked on the show with such amazing people, and got the chance to be Anna, even if I didn't get to perform it. It was really one of the best experiences of my life. And I feel so lucky to have gotten the opportunity. I feel just as lucky to have gotten to have a musical this year! Even though it looks much different this year, I'm so happy that I'm getting to leave middle school knowing that I had an eighth grade musical. Even with everything going on. I want to thank everyone, especially Mrs. Laramee and Mrs. Doty, for teaching me so much and for an amazing middle school musical experience!



POONAM GUJRAL (ACTOR D)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** chorus and dance class **Extra Curricular Activities:** art classes, dance class, track **Goal:** To become someone who is successful and hardworking.



SOPHIA JURIGA (ACTOR G)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** Newsies (EPAC), Little Mermaid (EPAC), Willy Wonka Jr. (VMS), Frozen Jr. (VMS) **Goal:** Be.



GURLEEN KAUR (ACTOR E)

Grade: 7



KATIE KLIMACHEFSKY (ACTOR T)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** Frozen Jr., Dance (6 years), Chorus (3 years) **Extra Curricular Activities:** field hockey **Goal:** To get better at performing and to do the musical next year!



OWEN MAJKA (ACTOR S)

Grade: 8 **Previous Experience:** K-6 Musicals, chorus, 6 select, glee club **Extra Curricular Activities:** football, boy scouts, guitar, piano **Goal:** Have Fun. **Parting Thought:** I am so glad that I got to do the middle school musicals even if we only actually did one. It was nice to get to know everyone and be around people with the same interests as me.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW



RAYMOND MATTICE (ACTOR A)

Grade: 6 **Previous Experience:** elementary school musicals **Extra Curricular Activities:** book club, soccer, drama club, art club **Goal:** Be the best that I can be.



ANGELA MELLIN (ACTOR Q)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** Frozen Jr., summer plays, short comedy sketches, chorus, 6th select ensemble **Extra Curricular Activities:** glee club, girls' modified swim, drama club **Goal:** To make people smile. :)



NICO MITSAKOS (ACTOR N)

Grade: 6 **Previous Experience:** Lion King (Lion), Peter Pan Jr. (Crocodile), Wizard of Oz Jr. (Mayor of Munchkin City and flying monkey), Seussical Jr. (Wickersham Brother), Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Maurice), Willy Wonka Jr. (Mike TeeVee), Aladdin Jr. (Razoul) **Extra Curricular Activities:** baking, basketball, hiking **Goal:** To continue to participate in school musicals, EPAC performances, and bake lots of good food



ARIELLA RABINEAU (ACTOR O)

Grade: 8 **Previous Experience:** christmas pageants, Not Your Average Joe the Musical, Faith News Network the Musical, Pirates the musical, a munchkin in the Wizard of Oz Jr., Phineous Trout in Willy Wonka Jr. and Elsa in Frozen Jr. **Extra Curricular Activities:** dance (hip hop, ballet, pointe), worship team and youth group at church, and modified track and field **Goal:** To make meaningful friendships and grow in my abilities as an actress. **Parting Thought:** I am extremely grateful that I had the experience of being in the musicals at VMS. I've really enjoyed working with teachers and peers to learn new skills and abilities, and even though this year has been different, I'm glad that I get to leave the middle school on a great note. Thank you to all my teachers and friends for helping and guiding me so much.



ELLIE RUSSELL (ACTOR H)

Grade: 6 **Previous Experience:** Seussical Jr summer camp (JoJo), Willy Wonka Jr summer camp (Charlie), and The Christmas Carol professional (Tiny Tim) **Extra Curricular Activities:** volleyball, basketball, softball, chorus, select chorus, dance **Goal:** To make people smile!



PEYTON TOBLER (ACTOR K)

Grade: 7 **Previous Experience:** Frozen, Jr. musical, chorus (grades 4-7), 6th grade select **Extra Curricular Activities:** drama club **Goal:** To be in the school's production of "The Show Must Go Online!"

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JESSICA YETSKO (ACTOR C and ACTOR P)

Grade: 8 **Previous Experience:** Frozen, Jr. (which sadly didn't go on stage), background in singing, dance and performing/acting outside of school **Extra Curricular Activities:** outside school activities, student council, art club, drama club, vestal cheer, tumbling and church choir

Goal: To become a better singer throughout this experience and to gain musical skills I can take through life and possibly include in my future major. **Parting Thought:** I am so blessed that I was able to be part of such an amazing group for the time I did the musical. It was such a memorable experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I believe this program has made such an impact on my life and I will never forget it!



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A frazzled DRAMA TEACHER sends a video message to her students from her home office, announcing that their production of *Brushes With Greatness: The Dental Hygiene Musical* has been canceled! She tries to hang up, but accidentally leaves the camera running, as she receives a phone call from the principal who tells her: without the musical, the drama program will be shut down.

ACTOR A sends a video to the cast and crew, encouraging them not to give up. ACTOR A sings an excerpt of a rousing song from *Brushes With Greatness* to motivate everyone. (*Don't Give Up, Part 1*).

ACTOR B sends a video from inside a closet. ACTOR B is devastated that the musical has been canceled and has decided to hide from the world – after all, what good is a world without musical theater?

ACTOR C comes up with the idea to perform the musical online.

ACTOR D performs the opening number to *Brushes With Greatness: The Dental Hygiene Musical*, while bouncing around on top of the furniture (*BRUSHES WITH GREATNESS PART 1*).

ACTOR E timidly performs an original song to convince the drama teacher to do the virtual musical (*THE SHOW MUST GO ONLINE PART 1*).

The DRAMA TEACHER agrees to let the students perform *Brushes With Greatness* online... and then serenades her cat.

ACTOR F proposes a creative way to perform at home... while brushing his teeth (*DEFYING CAVITIES PART 1*).

ACTOR G rehearses a song at home, but keeps getting interrupted by loud noises off-camera (*QUIET TIME PART 1*).

ACTOR H introduces the cast and crew to his pet.

ACTOR I, the costume designer, gives the cast some less-than-stellar tips for costuming themselves at home.

ACTOR J films themselves singing an earnest song, but struggles to position the camera properly (*MY FACE, PART 1*).

ACTOR K moves a toothbrush around so it looks like the toothbrush is singing a song (*MY FACE PART 2*).

ACTOR L, the lighting designer, demonstrates the (very limited) ways in which you can do lighting design at home.

ACTOR M dramatically performs one of the most important songs from the musical, but keeps forgetting the words (*HAROLD RINSE PART 1*).

SYNOPSIS



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ACTOR N, the stage manager, offers notes to the cast and crew right before the performance. ACTOR N is very panicked, but tries to appear calm, especially when ACTOR N learns that over 50,000 people are going to be tuning in to the live performance.

The DRAMA TEACHER welcomes viewers to the live video stream of Brushes With Greatness!

ACTOR O performs the opening number of Brushes With Greatness, welcoming the virtual audience to the mouth. ACTOR O portrays the tooth ensemble and the villain, Plaque. (BRUSHES WITH GREATNESS, PART 2).

ACTOR P plays both heroes, Bob Flossy and Tommy Tooth. ACTOR P switches between the characters and sings a rousing song in which Bob Flossy convinces Tommy Tooth to come out of retirement to save the mouth. (DON'T GIVE UP PART 2).

ACTOR Q performs the villain's big number, where Plaque revels in the glorious silence of the great gum canyon (QUIET TIME PART 2).

ACTOR R plays Tommy Tooth. Tommy Tooth reveals important information about Harold Rinse to Bob Flossy, who is played by a stuffed animal.

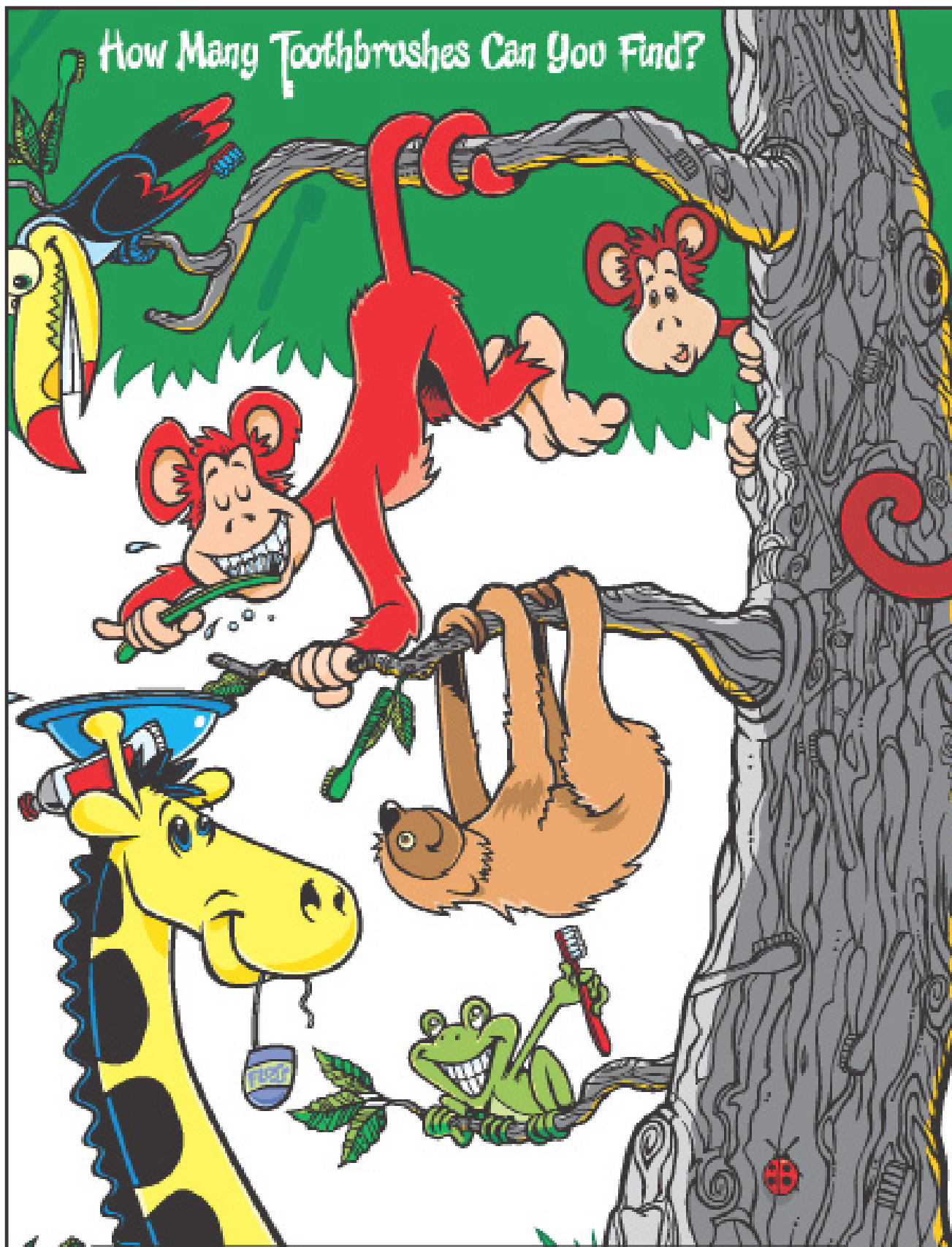
ACTOR S plays Tommy Tooth, as Tommy Tooth apologizes to Harold Rinse and recruits him for their mission (MY FACE PART 3).

ACTOR T performs the final battle scene: Bob Flossy, Tommy Tooth, & Harold Rinse vs. Plaque. ACTOR T performs all of the roles, using action figures or stuffed animals to portray the characters, as the heroes prevail over the villains (DEFYING CAVITIES PART 2).

The DRAMA TEACHER closes out the show and congratulates the cast and crew on a wonderful virtual production. The DRAMA TEACHER gets a call from the principal and learns the drama program has been saved!

Virtual curtain call! All of the actors perform their own versions of "The Show Must Go Online" and share them with their community (THE SHOW MUST GO ONLINE).





PUZZLES



Unscramble the **NALTED DROWS**
Unscramble the **DENTAL WORDS**

1. slfos _____
2. nsier _____
3. pelpa _____
4. fednsit _____
5. tmuho _____
6. hotof _____
7. dyeca _____
8. ubhsr _____
9. nelac _____
10. ilems _____

Answers: 1. host 2. mire 3. apple 4. dentist 5. mouth 6. tooth 7. decay 8. brush 9. clean 10. smile

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