On a scorching July day in 1925, a trial began in Dayton, Tennessee, pitting two intellectual greats of the time against each other. At issue was a state law banning the teaching of evolution and a Dayton teacher's knowing infringement of that law. For twelve days, Tennessee v. John Thomas Scopes captured the nation's attention as a media circus swept through Dayton, carrying the historical event to a world of readers and listeners. But as the trial failed to achieve its intended purpose - testing the Tennessee law - and the participants gradually followed each other to the grave, the once-famed Scopes “Monkey Trial” fell from the public eye and memory.

Thirty years later, playwrights Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee published their dramatized account of the trial in Inherit the Wind. Though they fictionalized and consolidated much of the actual event, they found the central issues were as current as ever, and the American public embraced the play as a great drama. Since 1955, there have been no less than three films, for both television, the big screen, and the Broadway stage.

That the play has thrived for decades suggests a usefulness far deeper than merely a characteristic look at America in the 1920's. In fact, further analysis reveals that aside from endless community theatre shows, the large-scale productions of Inherit over the past 40 years coincide with periods of crisis in American culture and a heightened debate over creationism versus evolution. Scholars, such as John Crowe Ransom and James Hunter, believe that the proceedings of the Scopes trial and the subsequent dramatizations mirror a continuous cultural conflict between different belief systems and both base their definitions on where people look for meaning in an increasingly complex world. The story of Inherit The Wind, can be read, therefore, as far more than twelve sweltering hot days in history; it is, instead, the narrative of a nation and the continual struggle for control and the license to write the past of a people. Inherit the Wind does not pretend to be journalism or history. It is theater.

— Lyndsey McCabe, The University of Virginia
INHERIT THE WIND

**Place:** A small town

**Time:** Summer. Not too long ago.

**ACT ONE**

Scene 1
In and around the Hillsboro Courthouse

Scene 2
The Courtroom. A few days later.

Scene 3
The courthouse lawn. The same night.

**INTERMISSION**

**ACT TWO**

Scene 1
The Courtroom, two days later.

Scene 2
The Courtroom, the following day.

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Rachel Brown ................................................................................................................................. Daphne Baun
Meeker ........................................................................................................................................... Rachel Erickson
Bertram Cates ............................................................................................................................... Gabe Bowman
Goodfellow .................................................................................................................................... Avery Goth
Mrs Krebs .......................................................................................................................................... Anna Larson
Rev Jessica Brown .......................................................................................................................... Olivia Rose
Cooper ............................................................................................................................................. Chase Lihn Young
Bollinger ........................................................................................................................................ Maja Tate
Mr. Bannister .................................................................................................................................. JR Caulkins
Melinda ............................................................................................................................................ Sydney Sandler
Howard ........................................................................................................................................... Drake Tasch
Mrs. Loomis ..................................................................................................................................... Anna Reekie
Hot Dog Vendor ............................................................................................................................. Maya Greengus
Mrs. McLain ..................................................................................................................................... Julia Texeira
Mrs. Blair ........................................................................................................................................... Lauren Sandler
Elijah ................................................................................................................................................ Anton Maslowski
E. K. Hornbeck ............................................................................................................................... Elyse Mancilla
Mayor ............................................................................................................................................... Morgan Moll
Matthew Harrison Brady ................................................................................................................ Seamus Angell
Mrs. Brady ........................................................................................................................................ Hannah Amell
Ms. Davenport .................................................................................................................................. Claire Miller
Henry Drummond ............................................................................................................................ Ryan Vanderbush
Judge ............................................................................................................................................... Alexander Bajoon
Dunlap ............................................................................................................................................... Caylee Lawrence
Sillers ................................................................................................................................................ Abby Elson
Reuters Man, photographer ............................................................................................................. Olivia Stacionis
Harriet Y Esterbrook ........................................................................................................................ Erin Zenk

PRODUCTION CREW

Director .......................................................................................................................................... Steven J. Nibbe
Producer ........................................................................................................................................... Lauri Halminiak
Production Assistant ...................................................................................................................... Emily Malarski
Lighting Design .............................................................................................................................. John Dolphin
Light Board Operator ...................................................................................................................... Collin Andersonski
Costume Designer, Hair and Makeup ............................................................................................. Leslie Frank
Costume Assistants ....................................................................................................................... Jackie Kinney, Heather Reekie and Jo-ell Carson
Set Design ........................................................................................................................................ Steven J Nibbe
Stage Manager ............................................................................................................................... Patrick Colquhoun
Stage Crew ....................................................................................................................................... Colleen Almond, Parker Minderman, Kylie Zenz
Soundboard ...................................................................................................................................... Ethan Mueller
Logo Design ....................................................................................................................................... Kylie Zenz
Programs/Publicity ........................................................................................................................ Lauri Halminiak/Kelly Kloepping
Box Office/Tickets ........................................................................................................................... Lynn Vilker
BIOGRAPHIES

Colleen Almond, Sophomore, Tech Crew
Colleen Almond, a sophomore, is excited to be a part of this year's spring play. She has also been a part of tech crew for Mary Poppins, Almost Maine, and Pippin.

Hannah Amell, Junior, Mrs. Brady
Hannah Amell, a junior at Verona Area High School (VAHS), is looking forward to performing as Mrs. Brady in this production. She would like to thank her family for always supporting and encouraging her.

Collin Anderson, Sophomore, Tech Crew
Seamus Angell, junior, Mathew Harrison Brady
Seamus Angell, a Junior, is thrilled to be playing the role of Mr. Brady. Seamus is also known for his role of Falstaff in Henry IV and Leontes in The Winters Tale. He is very grateful for his friends and family who have helped him get to where he is.

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Alexander Bajoon, Senior, Judge
Alexander Bajoon, a senior, is ecstatic to be performing as the Judge in this production of Inherit the Wind. He is also known for his roles of Blunt in Henry IV, Camillo in The Winter's Tale, and John Northbrook in Mary Poppins. Alexander would like to thank everyone for supporting his dreams and giving him opportunity with a wonderful community.

Gabe Bowman, Bertram Cates
Gabe Bowman is a junior this year and is excited to play Bertram Cates in Inherit the Wind. This is his second play with the Verona Area High school theater and his fifth play overall. He would like to thank his friends Rory and Sam for dragging him into the world of acting through Forensics. This experience with his friends is what showed him how great acting is and inspired him to continue acting.

Daphne Buan, Junior, Rachel Brown
Daphne Buan, a junior, is ecstatic to be portraying Rachel Brown. Favorite roles include; Sandrine (Almost Maine), Catherine (Pippin), Nurse (Romeo and Juliet), Rapunzel (Into the Woods), Belle (Beauty and the Beast), Dorothy (The Wizard of Oz). She also is a member of the Madison Opera Company Youth Apprentice Program. She'd like to thank everyone who's ever supported her. They are the reason she continues to do her favorite thing. Enjoy the show!
**Biographies**

James-Robert W. Caulkins, Freshman, Mr. Bannister
JR Caulkins, a freshman at VASD, is very excited to be portraying the role of Mr. Bannister in this year’s production of Inherit the Wind. JR is also known for his roles Nick Bottom in A Midsummer Night’s Dream, and Mr. Bumble in Oliver. He also recently portrayed a policeman in Mary Poppins. JR thanks his mother for supporting him on his road less traveled.

Patrick Colquhoun, Junior, Stage Manager
Patrick Colquhoun, a junior is looking forward to taking on the role of stage manager for this show. Patrick has done ropes for multiple shows this year including the High School production of Mary Poppins this past fall. Patrick wants to thank the whole backstage staff for making this show possible.

Abby Elson, Freshman, Mrs. Sillers
Abby Elson is excited to be playing the role of Gertrude Sillers in this production of Inherit the Wind. Inherit the Wind is starkly different than her two most recent productions this year, Mary Poppins and The Winter’s Tale. In her opinion, that makes the show all the more interesting! She especially wants to thank her father for appreciating her antics, and Nate Campbell for encouraging her to become a better performer.

Rachel Erickson, Junior, Meeker
Rachel would like to thank her mother for everything.

Avery Goth, Junior, Goodfellow
Avery Goth is very excited to perform in this play. She has done many plays and musicals in the past, her favorites being, Hairspray, Wizard of Oz, and A Fearful Symmetry. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Maya Greengus, A Senior, Hotdog Vendor
Maya is portraying the role of Hot Dog Vendor and townsfolk in Inherit the Wind. Maya’s favorite other productions that she has been in from the past 4 years were definitely Mary Poppins, Metamorphosis where she played Silenus, Hairspray, Pippin, she also portrayed the Jester in Once Upon A Mattress. Those were her favorite productions to be a part of. Maya would love to acknowledge Erin Zenk for being her support in her acting throughout her high school experience. Her favorite hobby is definitely writing.

Anna Larson, Sophomore, Ms. Krebs
Anna is thrilled to be playing the role of Ms. Krebs in this production of Inherit the Wind. She is excited to try something new, as grumpy Ms. Krebs is a character type she hasn’t played before. Speaking of past roles, some of her favorites have been
Narrator 1 (Greek Mythology Olympiaganza), Grace Ferrell (Annie), Marcie (Almost, Maine), Francis (Henry IV part 1), Jane Banks (Mary Poppins), and Mamillius (The Winter’s Tale).

Caylee Lawrence, Junior, Jesse H. Dunlap
Caylee Lawrence, a junior, is excited for you to see this production of Inherit the Wind. This is Caylee’s third year as part of the Spring plays. Caylee would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her.

Elyse Mancilla, Senior, Ek Hornbeck
Elyse Mancilla, a senior, is extremely exciting to participate in this show. Her recent credits include Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins (VAHS), Berthe in Pippin (VAHS) and Alana in the Little Mermaid (VACT). She would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for supporting her always. Thank you for supporting the arts and enjoy the show!

Anton Maslowski, Senior, Elijah
Anton joins VAHS Theatre once again for his fifth production, and his second non-musical. Having played the Mysterious Man in Into the Woods and Steve in Almost, Maine, Anton delights in playing rather quirky roles, and Elijah is no different. Anton is a senior this year, and takes pride in closing this chapter of his theatre career (before college) with a character who’s just as odd and mysterious all the roles which preceded him.

Claire Miller, Junior, Ms. Davenport
Claire Miller loves theater and is ecstatic to be playing Ms. Davenport in ‘Inherit The Wind’! Other roles you may have seen her in, include Sandrine in ‘Almost Maine’ and Perdita in ‘A Winters Tale’. She would love to thank her lovely friends and family for always supporting her and being there when needed most.

Parker Minderman, Stage Crew
Parker’s most recent shows include: The Winter’s Tale and Mary Poppins.

Morgan Moll, Junior, Mayor
Morgan is looking forward to participating in her second play with VAHS! She has also been a part of VAHS’s past three musicals & is an active member of Verona’s Model United Nations team. She’d like to thank the production staff, her family, and friends for all their love and support!

Ethan Mueller, Junior, Sound Board
Ethan, a Junior, is happy to be controlling the sound board. With past experience running sound board for “The Winter’s Tale”, he knows he can do great. Ethan also took the role of runner for the backstage team during “Mary Poppins”.

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Anna Reekie, Sophomore, Mrs. Loomis
Anna Reekie is very exited to be playing the role of Mrs. Loomis, Melinda’s mom, in this production of Inherit the Wind. Anna also appeared in last year’s production of Almost Main when she played Hope. Anna would like to thank her family and friends for helping and encouraging her.

Olivia Rose, Senior, Reverend Jessica Brown
Olivia Rose, a senior, is thrilled to be portraying the role of Reverend Jessica Brown in this production of Inherit The Wind. Olivia is also known for her roles as Mrs. Corry in Mary Poppins and Alice in Lights Out: The Little Old Lady. Olivia wants to thank her family for supporting her theater endeavors.

Lauren Sandler, Junior, Mrs. Blair
Lauren Sandler, a junior, is very excited to be playing the role of Mrs. Blair in Verona Area High Schools production of Inherit the Wind. Lauren is also known for her other roles as Ms. Lark in Mary Poppins, Glory in Almost Maine, and ensemble in Pippin and Into the Woods. Lauren would like to thank everyone involved for working so hard on this show.

Sydney Sandler, Freshman, Melinda
Sydney Sandler, a freshman, is very excited to be portraying the role of Melinda in this production of Inherit The Wind. Sydney is also known for her role in Once On This Island. She was a Storyteller. Sydney Sandler wants to thank her parents for supporting her and allowing her to be an actor.

Olivia Stacionis, Sophomore, Reuters Man/Photographer
Olivia Stacionis, a sophomore, is excited to be playing the Photographer and Reuters Man in this production of Inherit The Wind. Olivia was also part of last years production of Almost, Maine as Ginette and part of the ensemble in Mary Poppins. She would like to thank her and Anna Larson’s parents for carting the two of them around to practice.

Drake Tasch, Freshman, Howard
Drake Tasch a freshman is excited to be playing the role of Howard in this production Inherit the Wind. Drake is also known for being in the ensemble during Marty Poppins.

Maja Tate, Sophomore, Bollinger
Maja Tate, a sophomore, is very excited to play Bollinger in Inherit the Wind. She has also been in A Christmas Story: The Musical, Mary Poppins, Hairspray, The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Pippin. Her favorite role she has played was an Oompa Loompa in Willy Wonka for VACT. Maja would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

Julia Teixeira, Freshman, Mrs. McLain
Julia Teixeira, a freshman, is ecstatic to be a part of her first highschool play. In the
past, Julia has participated in shows such as Much Ado About Nothing (Beatrice) and The Princess Bride (Buttercup). It’s time for Inherit the Wind to be added to the resume!

Chase Linh Tuong, Freshman, Cooper
Chase Linh Tuong, a freshman, is thrilled to play the role of Cooper in her ever first High School Performance, “Inherit the Wind”. She’s most well known for portraying Wynn from “The Winter of 1917” and Beauchomme from “Once on This Island” and hopes to one day portray Eponine from “Les Miserables” or another strong female role. Chase greatly appreciates her siblings and friends for encouraging her to pursue her passions.

Ryan Alexander Vanderbush, Senior, Henry Drummond
Ryan Vanderbush, a senior, is portraying Henry Drummond in the production of Inherit The Wind. Ryan has strong interest in theater, film and music, plans of moving to California to further his study of dramatic arts.

Erin Zenk, Sophomore, Harriet Y. Esterbrook
Erin Zenk, a sophomore, is extremely excited to be in the spring play Inherit the Wind as Harriet Y. Esterbrook. Erin has also performed in Mary Poppins as Fannie and as the Red Queen in Dorothy in Wonderland. She would love to thank her family and close friends for always supporting her music and acting career!

Kylie Zenz, Senior, Stage Crew
Kylie has been in tech now for five years. She was the stage manager for the fall musical Mary Poppins. She is also the tech director of Fair Verona Area Shakespeare Company.

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