Whitefish Bay High School

Presents

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU
-A Comedy in Three Acts-

By Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman

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SYNOPSIS

One of the most popular and successful plays of modern times, YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU is sure to please audience members of any age. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize (unusual for a comedy), the play was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart at the height of their writing careers. It is the story of the eccentric Sycamore family and friends who simply enjoy life pursuing their individual off-beat passions. When their daughter becomes engaged to someone “normal,” this is all that is necessary for a hilarious evening of theater.

SETTING
The scene is set in the home of Martin Vanderhof, New York, June, 1938

ACT I
Scene One: A Wednesday Evening
Scene Two: Several Hours Later

~FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERMISSION~

ACT II
A Week Later

~FIVE MINUTE INTERMISSION~

ACT III
The Next Day

DIRECTOR’S NOTE

One of the most popular American comedies, YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU is always fun to direct (this is my fourth time). The eccentric characters who enjoy life pursuing their individual passions provide challenging fun for the cast. The scenery gives the crew an interesting adventure in creating a period setting for the action.

YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU was written in 1937. America was coming out of the depression, but didn’t know that World War II was just around the corner. People (like the character Donald) were on relief. Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman were the hottest writing team on Broadway and with YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU they created their most memorable work and a Pulitzer Prize winner. These off-beat characters have been delighting audiences for over eighty years. We hope they delight you too.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this show possible. I had the pleasure to work with a wonderful cast with a lot of energy and dedication. The stage crew (who have been great to work with for the past three years) continues to create the magic behind the scenes. The make-up and hair crew has created the period look needed. I would also like to thank the parent volunteers for their support in helping theatre at Whitefish Bay continue and grow. Special thank you to Kaitlyn Crosby for her efforts on scenic design.
A big thank you to the “behind the scenes” adults who create and help with all the technical details: Chris Armstrong—scenic artist and stage crew mom, Sue Crosby—our very detail-oriented costumer, and Ceri Hartnett who found or made the props for this very prop-heavy show. Finally, thank you to Amber Kind Keppel for her production skills and for trusting me to direct again after a five-year absence.

It’s been fun—enjoy the show.

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**CAST**

Penelope Sycamore............................................................... Claire Thomure*
Essie ....................................................................................... Jessie Potter*
Rheba ....................................................................................... Amelia Stephens
Paul Sycamore ........................................................................ Asa Rao*
Mr. DePinna ............................................................................. Luke Loebl
Ed ............................................................................................ Joe Mitchell*
Donald ....................................................................................... Billy Greene
Martin Vanderhof ................................................................. Henry Stollenwerk*
Alice ......................................................................................... Elena Behnke*
Henderson ............................................................................... Nico Otero
Tony Kirby ................................................................................ Niko Martinez-Ortiz
Boris Kolenkhov ..................................................................... Alex Fasseas*
Gay Wellington ......................................................................... Gabby Koziol
Mr. Kirby ...................................................................................... Oliver Niehaus
Mrs. Kirby ................................................................................ Claire Mitchell
The Man ...................................................................................... Andrew Kim
Mac ............................................................................................. Ash Ahrenhoerster
Jim .............................................................................................. Nico Otero
Olga ............................................................................................. Emilie Lesinski

*= member of the International Thespian Society
Go confidently, Claire M, in the direction of Your Dreams—to places you’ve only begun to imagine!!!
Family of Claire Mitchell

Way to shred it on the xylophone, Joe!
Bravo Cast and Crew
The Hambrook & Mitchell Family

Congrats to the cast and crew for a great show & a year of amazing theater!
The Thomure Family

Congratulations, Elena! And a huge thanks to the WFBHS Theater for 4 outstanding and memorable years!
Love, The Behnkes

Asa: You make us very proud!
Congrats to the theater on a fantastic season!
The Rao Family

Have fun in the show, Amelia.
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Chris, Mary, James, & Casey

Third times the charm, Norah!
Love, Ryder

Congrats, Maddie!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Talgh, Grandma, Sharon, Ari, Diane, & John
Congratulations to our very own

Jessie Potter

Best Wishes for a Fabulous Senior Year!

Lots of Love from your Family Fan Club

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Aunt Andrea and Uncle Don
Aunt Mary and Uncle Tim
Aunt Susan and Uncle Charley
Aunt Jane and Uncle Terry
Aunt Sue and Uncle Randy
Aunt Mary and Uncle John
Aunt Aleyda and Uncle Jim
Aunt Amy and Uncle Rob
Aunt Allyson and Uncle Jeff
Aunt Adrienne and Uncle Joe
Mom, Dad, Mary Claire

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A whole year and not even a broken leg.
Congratulations on breaking the curse, Kate!
The Family of Kate Sanders

Theater Friends
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Bravo!

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Stage Manager .......................... Madeline M. Moran*
Backstage Coordinator .............................. Anne O’Neill*
Light Board Operator ........................ Braeden Fruchtman*
Sound Board Operator ........................... Rohan Waghray*
Properties ........................................ Fiona Wallace*, Jayson Goldbaum*
DePinna Painting ................................... Gwen Gleason
Costume Crew .............................. Molly Egan, Ingrid Stollenwerk*
Make-up and Hair Crew ......................... Natalie Wienke, Abigail Ackles, Esther Carriere,
Rossi Doyle, Madeline LaFrombois, Colette Stoye
Set Construction .................. Kaitlyn Crosby*, Molly Egan, Anne O’Neill*, Fiona Wallace*,
Jayson Goldbaum*, Lily Fay*, Gwen Gleason, Ingrid Stollenwerk*,
Mia Gleason*, Ash Ahrenhoerster, Nathan Dradzinski, Natalie Wienke,
Norah Mast-Hochstedler, Madeline M. Moran*, John Shulz, Miranda Lile,
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