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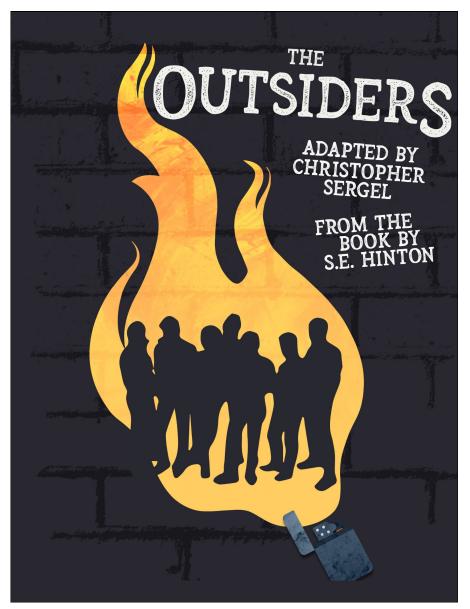
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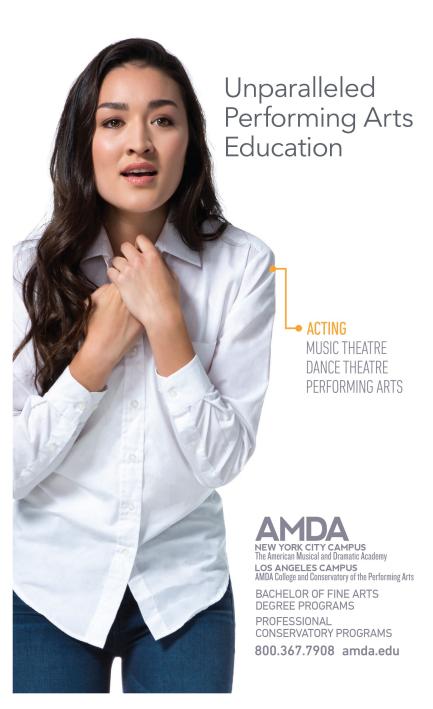
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S.E Hinton's novel, *The Outsiders* is about belonging; finding your chosen family verses the one you're born into. It's one of the top selling books in the world and has been rewritten as both a movie and a play, which we're happy to share with you tonight. S.E. Hinton, or, Susan Eloise, started writing *The Outsiders* at 15 when living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and published it in 1967 when she was a freshman in college. In a recent interview with *The New York Times*, she recalls:

I think I wrote *The Outsiders* at the right age. And those over-the-top emotions are how you feel at that age. And kids recognized that. And books are such a mind meld. Names change. Uniforms change. But kids identify that immediately, they understand the concepts of the groups.

Kids do understand the concepts of groups and who's in and who's out, and I think that's why this book is such a hit. The themes of self acceptance and belonging are universal and powerful medicine, especially for teenagers. In 1983, Francis Ford Coppola directed the film, *The Outsiders*. When asked to speak about the teenage experience, Coppola said, "Young people are deep-feeling emotional beings." *The Outsiders* presents teenagers as they are, emotional, hormonal, vulnerable, in and out of love, divided, outcasted, and misunderstood.

We have a few surprises in our version of *THE OUTSIDERS*, beginning with non-traditional casting. I'd like to thank WOHS 2017 Theatre alum, Morgan Minatee and actor, Frenel Legentus for the help with casting and WOHS 2013 Theatre alum, Branden Mangan for the Fight Choreography. I'd like to thank our Producer, Deb Coen, for keeping us organized; and finally, I'd like thank the cast for their creative, heartfelt work, the crew for their efficient teamwork and the Stage Managers, Kayleigh Arnold, Tori Riley and Jillian Russell and Assistant Directors, Aliyah Ramadan and Rachel Favetta, for their dedicated service and leadership. We all belong.

CREW WHO'S WHO

Wendy Mapes-Chrzanowski

Director

received her MA in Theatre at the New Actors Workshop & Antioch Univ. She's played leading roles in several short films & Off-Broadway productions. At the SCVTS-Appel Farm Theatre Academy, she directed Oedipus, Hamlet, Fools, Rumors, Hairspray & Legally Blonde to name a few. She been at WOHS since 2015 & serves as adviser for the Thespian Society and Drama Club.

Debra Coen Producer

is an 18 year veteran Tech & Engineering teacher in the district. For WOHS, she previously produced The Little Mermaid & Our Town. She designed programs for Aida, Almost, Maine, The Little Mermaid & Our Town as well as the Box Office Mgr. for A Midsummer Night's Dream & Aida. She is excited to continue working with the dedicated & talented cast & production team at WOHS!

Lauren M. Grof-Tisza

Lighting Design

has over 22 years experience both on & off stage. She's employed as the District Media Technician & has been the resident Lighting Designer for WOHS (& sometimes the middle schools) since 2013. She has Production Stage Managed over 25 productions & designed Lighting & Sound for many theatre companies & schools in & around NJ.

Kirk Roberts Sound Design

Is excited to work with this talented team! In his 8th year at West Orange he currently serves as the District Media Coordinator, co-teaches Broadcast Journalism & is the Station Manager for TV36/45. During his tenure at West Orange, he has worked on many productions. Recent credits include: In the Heights, Our Town, The Little Mermaid, Aida, The Wedding Singer & Seussical

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PRESENTS

THE OUTSIDERS

Full Length Play Christopher Sergel Based on the nove S.E. Hinton

with

Erin Arnold
Nyobie Boddie
Tyler Brooks
Sebastian Chavian
Clare Cunningham
Ava Donaghy
Kim Goldberg

Kai McCall
Joe Nalieth
Maria Nalieth
Alex Perez
Justin Peters
Litzy Reyes Polanco
Olivia Ridley

Isabella Saade Rebecca Salkin Grace Soroko Aidan Tarantino Jacob Ulric

Set Design Melanie Racanelli Lighting Design Lauren M. Grof-Tisza Master Builder Max Grossman

Sound Design Kirk Roberts Production Stage Manager Kayleigh Arnold Hair/Makeup Design Andrea Torres

Producer Debra Coen

Directed by WENDY MAPES-CHRZANOWSKI

The Outsiders is presented through special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Companym PO Bix 129, Woodstock, Illinois 60098

CAST

Cast Members

Ponyboy	Olivia Ridley
Johnny	Sebastian Chaviano
Bob	Aidan Tarantino
Randy	Kai McCall
Dallas	Erin Arnold
Two-Bit	Litzy Reyes-Polanco
Darry	Tyler Brooks
Sodapop	Joe Nalieth
Sandy	Grace Soroko
Cherry	Maria Nalieth
Marcia	Isabella Saade
Mrs. O'Briant	Clare Cunningham
Jerry	Jacob Ulric
Doctor	Rebecca Salkin
Nurse	Nyobie Boddie
Mrs. Syme	Ava Donaghy
Paul	Justin Peters
Greasers and Socs	Kim Goldberg Jazmin Jara Alex Perez
Children	Londyn Rogers Cayla White Ashton Hinnani

WHO'S WHO



Ava Donaghy

as Mrs. Syme

Ava Donaghy, a junior at WOHS, is very happy to be part of this production of The Outsiders. She worked backstage on Almost Maine her freshman year, and this is her first on stage role. In middle school she performed in the ensemble of Roosevelt Middle School's production of The Lion King. She is so proud to be apart of such a talented cast!



Justin Peters

as Paul

Justin Peters is very excited to be in "The Outsiders!" Justin has been in numerous shows across the West Orange school district, recently "Our Town" (Howie Newsome) and "In the Heights." (Ensemble). He recently participated at a staged reading of a new play (it's a secret) at the JCC. Shoutout to Mom, Dad, Matt, the grandparents, and the friends. Lot's of love! <3

WHO'S WHO



Isabella Saade

as Marcia

Isabella Saade, a junior, is excited to be part of her seventh production at WOHS. Past credits include In The Heights (Camila), Our Town (Professor Williard), The Little Mermaid (Flotsam), You're A Good Man Charlie Brown (Lucy). Thank you to Ms. Mapes for this opportunity! She would also like to shout-out Grandma and Theresa Purcell, as they are her biggest supporters!



Clare Cunningham

as Mrs. O'Briant

Clare is a junior at WOHS and is super excited for this production! She has previously been in Our Town, appearing as lady in the box in last years play and is so glad to be apart of it again! She wishes luck to all of her fellow cast mates and wants to give her friends a big shout out for supporting her. She loves them so much!



Jacob Ulric

as Jerry

Jacob Ulric has grown up in a theater obsessed family and this has been passed down to him. He has been in various past productions, such as Oliver, Almost Maine, A Midsummer's Night Dream, and Guys and Dolls, and also partakes in tap dancing and imrov. He would like to thank his grandparents for spoiling him with Broadway tickets.



Rebecca Salkin

as Doctor

Rebecca Salkin is a junior and so excited to be in The Outsiders. This is her second show at WOHS, but she has been acting since kindergarten. She is excited to be playing the Doctor and putting her Grey's Anatomy knowledge to use. She wants to thank her family and friends, and her cast and crew. Good luck!



Nyobie Boddie

as Nurse

Nyobi is excited to be in her first WOHS production. she has been in many shows outside of school like 13 the Musical (Richie), Hairspray(Lorainne), Music Man (Rivercity Teen), Seusical (Yertle the turtle), Lion King (Ensemble), and many more! She has worked very hard and would like to thank her family and all who supported her in the past,present,and future! <3

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production Team

Director	Wendy Mapes-Chrzanowski
Student Assistant Directors	Rachel Favetta Aliyah Ramandan
Producer	Debra Coen
Lighting Design	Lauren M. Grof-Tisza
Sound Design	Kirk Roberts
Master Builder	Max Grossman
Scenic Design	Melanie Racanelli
Hair/Makeup Coordinator	Andrea Torres
Hair Crew	Amy Bryan Nyah Doctor
Stage Crew	Shanelle Chambliss Abigail Insana Gabby Lecour Ashley Morales Veena Steaphen
Stage Managers	Kayleigh Arnold Tori Riley Jillian Russell
Fight Choreography	Brandan Mangen Ariel Schwarzer
Makeup Crew	Julie Ann DePina Mascarenhas Alexa DeRonde Melanie Maciejak Hailey Miller Isabella Pereira
Costume Crew	Sarah Gold Michelle Silver Danielle Russell Jovaughn Shannon
House Manager	Ruben Centeno



Olivia Ridley

as Ponyboy

Olivia Ridley is honored & thrilled to be part of The Outsiders, her first play at WOHS. Credits include Seussical (Cat in the Hat), Into the Woods (Cinderella), In the Heights, Putnam County Spelling Bee (Olive Ostrovsky). She gives thanks to Ms. Mapes, & sends her love to anyone else feeling like an outsider, for their strength in the face adversity. You are not alone.



Sebastian Chaviano

as Johnny

A sophomore & third performance at WOHS but first major role. He's in 3 Honors classes and the I.C.E. program that has solidified his focus on law. You might also catch him leading his Boy Scout Troop #2 & weekends at TLCC volunteering in the Production team. He would like to thank his mom, dad, little brothers, abuelita & his family for their support. Stay Gold!



Aidan Tarantino

as Bob

Aidan Tarantino (Bob) is very excited to be a part of The Outsiders. He has also been involved in: In the Jungle (Brother), The Wizard of Oz (Wizard), Seussical Jr. (The Mayor), Hairspray (Mr.Pinky and Brad) The Lion King (Scar), Almost Maine (Dave), The Little Mermaid (Chef Louis), Our Town (Simon Stimson), In The Heights (Piragua Guy). He wants to thank Ms. Mapes.



Kai McCall

as Randy

Kai is excited to be apart of this year's play. Her former roles consist of Wizard of Oz (Glinda the Good Witch), and Seussical (Sour Kangaroo) and Our Town (Mrs. Webb). She loves to sing and act. She would like wish the other cast members good luck and thank her family for believing that she could do it.



Erin Arnold

as Dallas

Erin Arnold, a senior, is Points Coordinator of the Thespian Society, & a NJ State Thespian Officer. Previous credits: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Hippolyta), Aida & Little Mermaid (Ensemble), Trojan Women (Cassandra), Our Town (Sam Craig). She is the recipient of the 2018 STANJ Award for Best Actress & a Governor's Award in Arts Ed for her work in Ajax in Iraq.



Litzy Reyes-Polanco

as Two-Bit

Litzy is thrilled to be in her 8th show at WOHS! Previous Roles: Joe Stoddard (Out Town), Camilla U/S (In the Heights) & Marci/Rhonda U/S (Almost Maine). Aside form running drama club & improv, she enjoys mock trial & all artistic mediums . She'd like to thank her family, friends, drama club board & the cast and crew of The Outsiders! She hopes you enjoy the show!



Tyler Brooks

as Darry

Tyler is a senior at WOHS and excited to be in his second lead role. Tyler is a 4th year member of our school's award winning boys step team "Ab-Salute". Tyler would like to shout out everyone that's been rocking with him from the start of his acting career. You guys pushed me to get where I am today. Enjoy the show!



Joe Nalieth

as Sodapop

Joseph Nalieth, a junior, is 100% in love with theater. He will perform for anyone, anytime, anywhere. His recent favorite roles were as Proteus in the musical "Two Gentlemen of Verona", Kevin Rosario in West Orange High School's "In the Heights", and Phil in "Almost, Maine". He has studied acting with Wendy Mapes and voice with Janeece Clarke. I love my dad!



Grace Soroko

as Sandy

Grace Soroko is a freshman & delighted to be playing the role of Sandy in "The Outsiders." This is Grace Soroko's first show at WOHS. Grace participates in "Theatre On Ice Bravo!" and has competed on a national level. In previous years Grace has performed in small local skits. She would like to thank her parents for helping her through her acting career.



Maria Nalieth

as Cherry

Maria Nalieth, a freshman, is excited to be part of her 1st production at WOHS. Past credits: Ti Moune in Once on this Island Jr, Gertrude in Seussical Jr, Olive Ostrovsky in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Lucetta in Two Gentlemen of Verona, & The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods. She would like to thank her friends & family for getting her where she is.