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STAPLES PLAYERS PRESENTS THE PADIO SHOWS...

It's A Wonderful Life

Adapted By: Philip Grecian

Based on the film by: Frank Capra

Directors	David Roth, Kerry Long
Music Director	Don Rickenback
Audio Director	Geno Heiter
Technical Director	Jeff Hauser
Producer	Amy Mandelbaum
Assistant Technical Director	Alicia D'Anna
Graphic Designer	Kerry Long

Staples High School Student Production Team

Stage Manager: Samira Saad Assistant Director: Kate Stephan

Superintendent of Schools	Thomas Scarice
Principal of Staples High School	Stafford Thomas, Jr.
Theatre Department Head	James Farnen

Staples High School - Westport, Connecticut

It's A Wonderful Life Cast List

Host #1: Maisy Boosin
Host #2: Bridget Looby
Announcer: Henry Carson
CLARICE: Camille Foisie

JOSEPHINE: Samantha Webster GEORGE BAILEY: Colin Konstanty

MARY HATCH-BAILEY: BAILEY CHILDREN:

JANIE: Samantha Edwards

Sophie Rossman

PETE: Cooper Sadler
ZUZU: Mel Stanger
MRS. GOWER. THE DRUGGIST: Lena Pantzos

MA BAILEY: Emily Desser

POP BAILEY: Ryan Fenstermacher

HARRY BAILEY:

UNCLE BILLY:

Alex Watzman

MR. POTTER:

David Corro

RUTH BAILEY:

Quinn Mulvey

DR. CAMPBELL:

Henry Carson

OLD CROTCHETY WOMAN:

Emily Desser

COUSIN TILLY: Lulu Dalzell

MRS. HATCH (Mary's Mother): Anushka Rao Raia Badurina

MRS. THOMPSON:

WORRIED WOMAN:

SOPHIE, THE BANK TELLER:

Chloe Manna

YOUNG GEORGE: Cameron Mann SAM WAINWRIGHT: Finley Chevrier

ERNIE, THE CAB DRIVER: Max Ardrey

RANDALL: Drew Andrade

ANGRY MAN/ED: Tyler Rockwell

MR. MARTINI, BAR OWNER: Sam Betit

MR. WELCH, TEACHER'S HUSBAND: Alex Waterworth

BRIDGEKEEPER: Ian Patton NICK, BARTENDER: Ryan Porio

BERT, THE COP: Oliver Holoubek-Sebok

CARTER, BANK EXAMINER: Ryan Fenstermacher

COMMERCIAL CAST:

Addie Purcell

Nikki Sternberg

Ella Grace Worraker

Ayla Nahmias

Eliza Edwards

Colin Konstanty

David Corro

Camille Foisie

Sebastian Gikas

Joel Stally-Gibson

Madelyn Spera

Maizy Boosin

Ben Herrera

Emily Desser

Chloe Manna

Henry Carson

Samantha Webster

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Production Team:

Stage Manager: Samira Saad

Assistant Director: Kate Stephan

Assistant Stage Manager: Lucia Scotti
Junior Assistant Director: Chloe Nevas

Production Assistants: Jordyn Goldshore,

Isabelle Ormsby

LIVE SOUND CREW - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Sound Board Operators: Brandon Malin,

Nasir Wynruit

Foley Sound Effects: Miles Katz, Max Kirkorsky,

Franky Lockenour, Isabelle Ormsby, Maria Saravia

Floor Manager: Lucia Scotti

A Christmas Carol



A Staples Players Radio Theatre production Sunday, December 13th at 6 PM Stream online at wwptfm.org FREE to the public

BE SURE TO TUNE INTO STAPLES PLAYERS OTHER RADIO PRODUCTIONS. EACH ONE STARTS AT 6PM ON WWPT.



Please consider making a donation to Staples Players at staplesplayers.com

During a "normal" year, Players earns money for production costs (sets, costumes, props, performance rights, etc) entirely from ticket sales. We all know 2020 is anything but normal - and Players needs your help! Please help us continue to provide programming for all our students AND entertainment for our greater Westport community!

We are proud to have a remarkable group of exceptional performers and technicians. Our program strives to build character and integrity in each of our students, while putting on top rated performances!

We truly appreciate any support you can give to our program. Your generosity will make the most of their hard work by helping us to maintain the level of professional productions and mentoring for our nationally recognized theatre. This includes funding our future productions! These productions require expensive scenery, special effects, costumes, lighting, props, and more! We are happy to offer the radio season FREE to our audiences. However, since our revenue is usually from ticket sales, donations are vital to our students' experience with the theatre arts! Your gift is tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt by email for your donation.

Please help these Staples Players achieve a successful season and then share on your Facebook, Twitter, email, and/or text message.

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Thank you from Staples Players"

Student Crews

SETS:

Senior Managers: Francisco Fernandez, Shane Gordon Crew Heads: Sophie Clemens, Katie Davitt, Jacob Friedman Crew: Oliver D'Anna, Max Stanger, Sean Everett, Lane Schanzer, Frankie O'Brien, Natalie Greene, Sara Corro, Ella Trivisonno, Henry Carson, Tyler Rockwell, Curtis Sullivan, Zoe Shwartz

PAINTS:

Senior Manager: Ryan Fenstermacher
Crew Heads: Nea Hochman and Sophia Betit
Crew: Tess Boosin, Emerson Briggs, Henry Carson, Ellie Cohen,
Eliza Edwards, Charlie Jandora, Alyssa Lee, Imogen Medoff,
Cooper Sadler, Ella Trivisonno, Drew Andrade, Sebastian Gikas,
Quinn Mulvey, Jackie Peterson, Melody Stanger, Chloe Manna,
Ben Zack

LIGHTS:

Senior Manager: Brandon Malin

Senior Crew Heads: Katlina Giaume, Maria Saravia

Junior Crew Head: Miles Katz

Crew: Max Kirkorsky, Julian Fiore, Sabrina Paris, Tess Feldman, Tyler Rockwell, Finley Chevrier, Henry Carson, Noah Faber

COSTUMES:

Senior Manager: Camille Foisie
Crew Heads: Neha Arora and Claire Baylis
Crew: Addie Purcell, Molly Frank, Saylor Frankel, Tess Boosin,
Emerson Briggs, Anushka Rao, Christiane Betfarhad,

Ellie Cohen, Kaya Arava, Eliza Edwards, Samantha Edwards,
Charlie Jandora, Violet Cooper, Eliza Bowens, Melody Stanger,
Lena Pantzos, Alyssa Lee, Ayla Nahmias, Izzy Tobin,
Josy Pitaro, Grace Power, Iva Radman, Ella Trivisonno,

Raia Badurina, Ella Grace Worraker, Mel Stanger

PROPS:

Senior Managers: Bridget Looby, Alex Watzman, Jamie Mann Crew Heads: Colin Konstanty, Chloe Manna Crew: Tess Boosin, Henry Carson, Jackie Peterson, Tyler Rockwell, Chloe Manna, Ella Trivisonno, Oliver Holoubek-Sebok, Henry Carson, Dylan Kurpiel, Charlie Jandora, James Dobin-Smith, Cameron Mann, Colin Konstanty, Jamie Mann, Samantha Edwards, Iva Radman, Nea Hochman, Ian Patton, Alyssa Lee

FUNDRAISING AND OUTREACH:

Senior Managers: Sophia Rossman, Samantha Webster
Crew Head: Sasha Barnett, Talia Perkins
Crew: Tess Boosin, Sebastian Gikas, Lulu Dalzell,
Maddy Edwards, Ayla Nahmias, Charlie Jandora, Bridget Looby,
Iva Radman, Ben Zack, Chloe Manna, Ruby Coleman,
Violet Cooper, Oliver Holubek-Sebok, Drew Andrade,
Melody Stanger, Anushka Rao, Ian Patton, Quinn Mulvey,
Sophia Betit, James Dobin-Smith, Jackie Peterson, Addie Purcell

HAIR AND MAKE-UP:

Senior Managers: Maizy Boosin, Samantha Webster Crew Head: Sasha Barnett, Carly Curran, Emily Desser Crew: Zoe Schwartz, Raia Morgan, Sophia Betit, Ayla Nahmias, Ben Zack, Ruby Coleman, Ella Trivisonno, Sydney Gusick, Emerson Briggs, Grace Power, Ellie Cohen, Josy Pitaro, Talia Perkins, Nikki Sternberg, Kaya Arava, Samantha Edwards, Olivia Pace, Iva Radman, Tess Boosin, Imogen Medoff, Feven Alemu-Renzulli, Isabel Tobin, Quinn Mulvey, Eliza Edwards, Madelyn Spera

PUBLICITY:

Senior Manager: Maizy Boosin

Crew Head: Emily Desser, Oliver Holubek-Sebok

Crew: Chloe Manna, James Dobin-Smith, Sophia Betit,

Jackie Peterson, Melody Stanger, Ruby Coleman, Sebastian Gikas, Sasha Barnett, Alex Waterworth, Cooper Sadler, Imogen Medoff, Finley Chevrier, Emerson Briggs, Kaya Arava, Zoe Schwartz,

Grace Power, Ian Patton

MAINTENANCE:

Senior Managers: Jasper Burke, David Corro

Crew Head: Ryan Porio

Crew: Alex Waterworth, Oliver Holoubek-Sebok, Colin Konstanty, James Dobin-Smith, Sebastian Gikas, Joel Stally-Gibson, Max Ardrey, Ben Herrera, Cooper Sadler, Henry Carson, Noah Faber, Cameron Mann

SOUND:

Senior Manager: Tommy Curwen Crew Head: Nasir Wynruit Crew: Franky Lockenour

WEB:

Senior Managers: Sophie Rossman, Samantha Webster Crew Head: Charlie Watson, Sebastian Gikas Crew: Raia Morgan, Jamie Mann, Talia Perkins

Radio Advertisement Performers:

Maisy Boosin, Henry Carson, David Corro, Emily Desser, Eliza Edwards, Camille Foisie, Sebastian Gikas, Ben Herrera, Colin Konstanty, Chloe Manna, Cameron Mann, Ayla Nahmias, Addie Purcell, Ryan Porio, Madelyn Spera, Joel Stally-Gibson, Nikki Sternberg, Alex Watzman, Samantha Webster & Ella Grace Worraker

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENT BOOSTERS FOR SHARING THEIR TIME AND TALENTS WITH STAPLES PLAYERS!

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Tami Benanav, Kelly Konstanty

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Costumes

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Staples Players Extends our Gratitude to...

All the Players Families who volunteered their time and talents.

Christie Stanger for keeping Costumes ALIVE!

Our Booster Co-Chairs: Tami Benanav and Kelly Konstanty

Lucy Roth for being Roaring consultant and Rosebud Wilder Roth as Toto Understudy

We apologize for not naming you all individually, but please know how grateful we are to each and everyone of you! We could not produce our high quality productions without your commitment to the Players students and our program.

THANK YOU!

Dave Seltzer for his continued friendship, advice and expertise with myriad technical production elements.

Players SuperFan Dan Woog

Marguerite and Paul Rossi

And to those in our Staples Community and beyond for their strong support of our theatre program:

Stafford Thomas, Jr., Jim Farnen, Pat Micinilio, Chase Dunlap, Meghan Ward, Kim Strazza, Karen Romano, Carrie Mascaro, Theodore Hunyadi, Peter Caligiure, Calvin Terpstrac, Reinaldo Santana, William Gonzalez, Horace Lewis, Tommy Cataudo and the entire Staples Custodian Team, Thomas Scarice, Elio Longo, Lisa Marriott, Jennifer Caputo, Geno Heiter, Ben Frimmer, Coleytown Company, Karen McCormick, Bedford Theater Company, Ryan Smith, Don Roth, Nancy Everson, Priscilla Long, The Westport News, Westportnow.com, Westport Magazine, Westport Patch, Westport Daily Voice, Broadway World CT, The Westport PTAs

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Players Praise

Colin - we are so happy you have the "nerve," we are beaming with "pride" and you truly make it a "wonderful life!" Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Radio Shows. Love, Mom, Dad & AJ

Fantastic radio performance Sophie and the Staples Players! We admire your resilience and adaptability." Love you. Mom, Dad and Andrew

Congratulations to Chloe and Players Cast and Crew! Keep moving forward! Much love, from the Manna Family

David - we are so proud of you making the most of this crazy senior year! Knowing you played a fraud, an arrogant gent, and a miser just confirms how well we've raised you. Love, Mom, Dad, Sara, Sydney & Rachel

Congratulations Players! Well done Drew. Love, Mom, Dad & Eduardo

Congratulations Jackie! We are so proud of you. Good luck on your journey through the Emerald City!

All our love, Mom, Dad, Ben and Cam

We are so proud of you James! You are as amiable as Mr. Bingley, as funny as Mr. Bennet and as intelligent and honorable as Mr. Darcy!

Way to go Max! Can't believe this is your last year on tech crew! Love, Mom, Dad & Mel

What a year! We love you Melody! Love, Dad, Mom & Max

Sara – welcome to the world of Players! We are thrilled that you have continued working on tech now that you are in high school. Love, Mom, Pops, David & Sydney

May you always put your brain to good use. Love, Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and James

Bridget – There's always money in the banana stand! – George Bluth



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Work from Our Talented Crews

Even though Staples Players are not able to do a live show on stage this fall, our technical crews are still practicing and improving the craft by continuing to train as well as creating theoretical design for each of the shows. Here are

HAIR & MAKE-UP



Bailey Child by: Zoe Schwartz



Imogen Medoff



some examples of their exciting work.

Bailey Child by: Imogen Medoff



Bailey Children by: Madelyn Spera





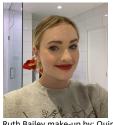
Mrs. Hatch by: Nikki Sternberg



Sophie the bank teller make-up by: Quinn Mulvey



Ma Bailey make-up by: Madelyn Spera



Ruth Bailey make-up by: Quinn Mulvey



Mary Hatch-Bailey by: Madelyn Spera



Sophie the bank teller hair by: Sydney Gusick



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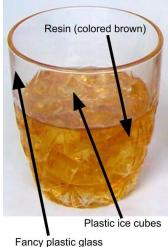
Josephine by: Sydney Gusick

PAINTS, PROPS, LIGHTING & SETS









Glass of scotch for bar scenes (NOTE - More than one glass can be made with different levels of the drink, some with plastic ice cubes and some without)

Materials:

- Resin (enough to fill container halfway)
- Resin Hardener
- Fancy plastic glass
- (Glass would be a safety hazard)
- Brown colorant (Acrylic paint or any dye)
 Plastic ice cubes (optional depends on what
- that glass needs)
- Latex gloves (just so you don't get any on your hands)
- Popsicle stick (to get resin out and mix)
- Plastic cup (to mix materials before pouring into glass)

Steps to make:

- Before starting use water to measure the volume of the container you want to fill - that's how much resin you should use)
- Put resin out into the glass.
- Mix a hardener for the resin with the resin.
 Add the brown colorant (acrylic paint or dyewhatever works, but slowly until you get the
- proper color) to the resin and mix.

 Pour mix into glass until filled to the right
- amount.
 Add in plastic ice cubes if needed
- Let the resin dry/harden and you will have your prop!





Mary Hatch-Bailey: Designers: Lena Pantzos Raia Badurina & Ella Trivisonno



George Bailey and Young George Bailey: Designers: Saylor Frankel, Emerson Briggs & Iva Radman



Designers: Ella Grace Worraker & Samantha Edwards

COSTUMES



Pete Bailey: Designers: Ella Grace Worraker & Eliza Edwards



Clarice: Designers: Addie Purcell, Eliza Edwards & Ellie Cohen



Mr. Potter:

Designers: Neha Arora & Izzy Tobin



Josephine:

Designers: Addie Purcell, Eliza Edwards & Ellie Cohen

COSTUMES CONTINUED



Ruth Bailey: Designers: Ayla Nahmias & Charlie Jandora



Mrs. Gower: Designers: Molly Frank & Grace Power



Ma Bailey: Designers: Ayla Nahmias & Charlie Jandora



Mrs. Martini: Designers: Ella Trivisonno, Lena Pantzos & Raia Badurina



Mrs. Hatch: Designers: Molly Frank & Grace Power



Ernie: Designers: Neha Arora & Izzy Tobin