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The Crucible



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When we set out to select a play for this season, our primary goal was to provide a platform for our young actors to not only showcase their talents but also to challenge and deepen their ability to tell a story with authenticity. Theater, at its core, is about storytelling. *The Crucible* was the natural choice. While based on a chilling historical incident, it is ultimately just that: a story. High schools often shy away from this tragedy due to the demands of its intricate and complex characters. However, we had every confidence that our student actors would rise to the occasion and wholeheartedly embrace the challenge of breathing life into these characters.

Many of the actors you'll see on stage this evening are inspired by real people who lived in the Puritan colony of Salem during the 17th century. Salem was founded by Puritans – strictly Orthodox colonists who ostracized those who did not fit their idea of “godliness”. This mindset was exceptionally hypocritical, as the Puritan people had themselves been persecuted by the English for their desire to practice a different religious doctrine. Puritan colonists lived in a time before the concept of separation between church and state took root in what would become the United States; the church and the law were inseparable. As they struggled to establish their livelihoods in an unfamiliar land, when things went awry they would oft blame the devil.

We are immensely proud to present the hard work and talent of our remarkable cast and crew. Guiding them as they developed this story and their characters has been a truly rewarding journey. As you settle in for the performance, keep in mind that this story, though set in a distant time and place, carries timeless lessons about the dangers of fear-driven accusations, the consequences of extremism, and the inclination to search for a scapegoat in times of trouble. So, relax, but don't get too comfortable; haven't you heard? “The devil's loose in Salem”.

-Directors, Caitie Almond, David Mayer, & Levi Walker

END NOTES

About the Author



Arthur Asher Miller was an American playwright, essayist and screenwriter in the 20th-century American theater. Among his most popular plays are *All My Sons*, *Death of a Salesman*, *The Crucible*, and *A View from the Bridge*.

In the period immediately following the end of World War II, American theater was transformed by the work of playwright Arthur Miller. Profoundly influenced by the Depression and the war that immediately followed it, Miller tapped into a sense of dissatisfaction and unrest within the greater American psyche. His probing dramas proved to be both the conscience and redemption of the times, allowing people an honest view of the direction the country had taken.

Learn more at :

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/arthur-miller-none-without-sin/56/>

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All the parents and students that helped with sets, painting, props and costumes!

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- Thank you for helping to transform the Director's vision into reality!

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Sophia Kluender for the t-shirt and marketing artwork

Shannon Daniel for being an amazing parent liason and coordinator

Donna Jacobs for the program and marketing

ALL the PARENTS for providing food & support throughout the production

Battle Mountain High School Players

PRESENTS

THE CRUCIBLE

by
Arthur Miller

with

D'Artagnan Applegate
Isabel Applegate
Mars Arney
Annika Bettenhausen
Alexa Blanch
Milana Daniel
Jasmine Farrer
Laila Fraser
Gabriella Gallegos

Gracen Gora
Lily Hair
Silas Heaphy
Allie Jacobs
Addie Kisker
Jenna Kisker
Sophia Kluender
Bodie Lacross
Lola Leal

Trygg Myran
Lisa Overy
Jhowdy Preza
Phoebe Ressler
Willem Rohwer
Rocco Romano
Dylan Stepanek
Max Turner
Phoenix Wellbaum
Chase Williams

Directors

David Mayer, Levi Walker, and Caitlin Almond

Costumer

Mimi Hair

Illustrator

Sophia Kluender

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There will be one 10 minute intermission and bake sale.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

The Crucible

Betty Parris	Dylan Stepanek
Reverend Samuel Parris	Rocco Romano
Tituba	Laila Fraser
Abigail Williams	Phoenix Wellbaum
Susanna Walcott	Alexa Blanch
Mrs. Ann Putnam	Sophia Kluender
Thomas Putnam	Chase Williams
Mary Warren	Allie Jacobs
Mercy Lewis	Milana Daniel
John Proctor	Willem Rohwer
Rebecca Nurse	Gabriella Gallegos
Giles Corey	Jhowdy Preza
Reverend John Hale	Silas Heaphy
Elizabeth Proctor	Isabel Applegate
Francis Nurse	Trygg Miran
Ezekiel Cheever	Jasmine Farrer
John Willard	Mars Arney
Judge Hathorne	D'Artagnan Applegate
Deputy-Governor Danforth	Bodie LaCross
Sarah Good	Gracen Gora
Hopkins	Sophia Kluender
Martha Corey	Jenna Kisker
Honorary Cast Member	Max Turner

CIRCLE OF GIRLS

Girls	Annika Bettenhausen, Lily Hair, Lily Lamb, Lola Leal, Addie Kisker, Jenna Kisker, Lisa Overy, Phoebe Ressler
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Gracen,

You will rock this PLAY! So proud of you. Break a Leg girlie.
- love ya, MOM, MJ, Mimi, Finley and Oakley.

Milana,

We are so proud of you. Break a leg.
- Love, Mom, Dad, Lucia and Fleetwood

Allie Renee,

WOW! You are truly a natural and we couldn't be more happy for you. We love watching you grow as a performer, student, and human. You are the sunshine in our lives and we love you so very much. Break a leg Mary Warren and try to avoid the whip!
- xoxo, Mom, Dad, Cooper & Princess

Gabriella,

To a sweet and kind girl with tons of talent and an enormous heart! Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed! Enjoy this time! Eat your breakfast!
- Love your family including Sherman!

D'Artagnan,

It is so fun to watch you join your friends and Sister on the BMHS stage. We are really proud of you for getting up on that stage and acting your heart out. We look forward to seeing you judging everyone in the Crucible.
- Love you, Mom, Dad, Isabel, Griff, Ducky, and Zazu

To Our Dear Girl, Isabel,

It has been such a joy to watch you in all the different and amazing roles you have played over your years here at BMHS. It is hard to believe that this is the last year you will grace its stage. We love you so much! Go hex the audience and drop a few spells!
- Love, Mom, Dad, Dart, Griff, Ducky, and Zazu

Sophia Kluender,

We are so proud of you! We love watching you put your creative talent to work both on, in, and around the stage. Can't wait to see what the future holds for you!
- We love you, Mom & Dad

To Phoenix:

Enjoy the stage as you channel your inner villain!
- Love, Mom, Dad & Luna



Bodie,

You exceed our expectations in every "paw"duction!
- Love Cheeto and Oliver LaCross

Best of luck **Allie Jacobs!** We wish we could be there to see you in action!

- Love, Robin, Mike, Mary Kate and Molly

Phoenix:

Have a great time doing what you love!
--Nana

Phoebe,

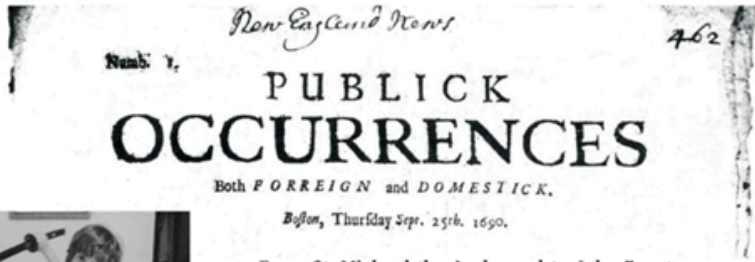
Keep shining brightly! We're so proud of you! We Love you
- Mom + Dad

So proud of you **Allie Jacobs!** Break a leg!
- Samantha

Jenna and Addie Kisker,

We are so proud of you and the beautiful, smart, kind actors you are! Have a fantastic show and break a leg
- Love, Mom, Dad, Cole, Grammy and Bampa

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Manchester, Michigan



Circa 2018, Ann Arbor, MI

Protecting was is right
Finding the positive
Working with the team

Willem Leo Rohwer
Break a Leg

We are all so proud of you and what
you bring to everything you do!
Mother, Father
and brothers Alden & Parker



Jacob/Twelve Hunstmen



Harry/Mamma Mia



CREW

Crew Members

Co-Director	David Mayer
Co-Director	Levi Walker
Co-Director	Caitlin Almond
Stage Managers & Props Assistants	Lisa Overy, Jenna Kisker
Stage Assistants	Reyna Gleason, Cassidy Roach, Olivia Patterson, Charlie Siemer
Stage Hands	Jimena Lopez, Rebecca Rios
Scenic Build Crew Leads	Chuck Hair, Tracy Walter, Donald Gallegos, Benji Daniel
Paint Charge	Deb Dutmer
Costumer	Mimi Hair
Student Costume Assistants	Lisa Overy, Lola Leal
Lighting Design Consultant	Solveig Bloomquist
Student Lighting Head	Kevin Pantoja
Music	Parker Rohwer

WHO'S WHO



Phoenix Wellbaum *as Abigail Williams*

(they/them)As someone who has found a home in the theater, every show at Battle Mountain has been life changing for me. From Pippin to Twelve Huntsmen to Mamma Mia and now onto our next adventure: The Crucible. I'm so excited to be playing such a complex and cunning character as Abigail Williams. While she is clearly no dancing queen, Abigail's apparent flaws and hidden strengths have been an adventure to learn and portray in this incredible show; and her story stands to show lessons about all of our hidden desires and thoughts. Playing this role has been incredible, but I'm really nothing like Abigail... I would never live on a farm.



Willem Rohwer *as John Proctor*

Willem has made it to his senior year in high school. He joined the theatre program last fall at the beginning of his junior year. Since then, he has had the privilege to play lead roles as Jacob Grimm in The Twelve Huntsmen and Harry Bright in Mamma Mia. Being an avid and passionate musician, he plans to pursue a college degree in music performance next fall, as well as a degree in astrophysics. For now, he will continue to enjoy mountain biking, skiing, drawing, and making music.



Isabel Applegate *as Elizabeth Proctor*

Hi I'm Isabel Applegate (she/her) and I am a senior at Battlemountain. This is my 7th show and I cannot express how much love I have for this community and art form. I would like to thank the directors my amazing costars and my family for always supporting me. Enjoy the show!



Rocco Romano *as Reverend Samuel Parris*

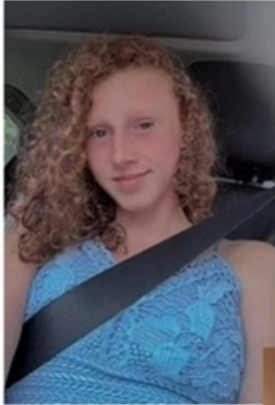
Yep, that's me. My name is Rocco Romano, and I've been involved in a number of wacky situations starting in Radium Girls my freshman year. Since then, I've been in every single production at Battle Mountain, from tall to small. I really enjoy getting to be someone different and try and work in a new mindset with my good friends all around me.

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Allie



You are our shining star!
We are all so proud of you!
Next stop, Broadway!
Wish we could be there to see
your performance in person.
Break a Leg!



Nanny, Bahki, Uncle Doug
Aunt Debbie, Danny, Eliana & Zero

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Silas Heaphy

as Reverend John Hale

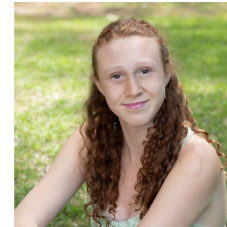
Silas Heaphy (he/him) is a high school junior playing Reverend John Hale. He became active in theater in 2019 and has acted in 8 shows with HPS, BMHS, and VVTC, with past roles including Charlemagne in Pippin, Hansel in The Twelve Huntsmen, and Sal Antonucci in Tony n' Tina's Wedding. Outside of school and theater, Silas enjoys game design, reading, and biking.



Dylan Stepanek

as Betty Parris

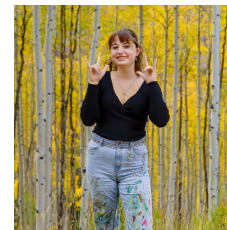
Dylan has been a part of the school's theater program for almost three years, and is now a senior. She is eager to play the role of Betty in The Crucible. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, and sister for supporting her throughout her high school years. Her hobbies include snowboarding, dancing, singing, and spending time with her dogs. She plans on pursuing Psychology as a major in college, as well as minoring in Dance.



Allie Jacobs

as Mary Warren

Allie Jacobs is a hardworking sophomore that is also playing the amazing role of Mary Warren! Allie wants to thank her family and friends for getting her this far. This is by far the best role and cast Allie has ever worked with. Allie has been in several shows including Goldilocks in her 1st grade play, Sergi in Matilda Jr the musical, Kelsi in High School Musical, Chorus in Mamma Mia, Jules in The Twelve Huntsmen, and many more, Allie wants to thank the whole cast for making her part of their theater family. She loves everyone in the cast! Allie is the only ginger in the cast and she's very proud of it. Enjoy the show!!



Sophia Kluender

as Mrs. Ann Putnam

Sophia Kluender (she/her) is student lead set designer and the illustrator of program and cast teeshirts. Sophia also plays Ann Putnam as well as Hopkins in the crucible. Sophia is very excited to be able to be in her final play production at battle mountain and be able to contribute to the show.

WHO'S WHO



Bodie LaCross *as Deputy-Governor Danforth*

Bodie LaCross (they/them). As a senior, this will be my 7th show here at battle mountain and sadly me last play. It has been a pleasure making the world laugh with these performances. Enjoy the show :)



Lisa Overy

I am Lisa Overy, a senior who has helped with productions over the last 3 years. I have worked as a prop master, costume designer, currently as a stage manager and more. I love being a part of theater because it is amazing to watch a story come alive and work with such amazing people to make it happen.



Max Turner *as Honorary Cast Member*

Max is in his senior year. After spending his school career on the road, he arrived at BMHS last semester. On top of being a student, Max works as a cameraman and occasional on-air talent at our local TV Station, TV 8 Vail. His love of anything artistic drew him to BMHS players where they were conveniently running a production of one of his favorite plays. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstance, he won't be able to perform. But Max is sending all his support to his fellow actors who will for sure make this the greatest production in BMHS history. You never know but you may even see his face this spring for our musical ;)

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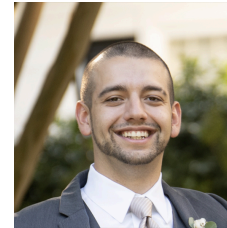
Dylan,
You are an
inspiring TRIPLE
THREAT!
I am so proud to
be your Dad.
I love you!



David Mayer

Co-Director

David graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science in Design. After college he lived and worked in New York City for 12 years before moving to the Vail valley. This is his fifth year as director/production manager at Battle Mountain High School after previously being a parent volunteer on BMHS Players productions since 2012. Locally he has also worked on productions for Homestake Peak School and the Vail Valley Theatre Company. While living in New York City he served as a stage manager/assistant technical director on two Off Off-Broadway productions. He would like to thank his wife Leah, son August and his two dogs, Bear and Jack-Jack for their support, encouragement and love. A special thanks to his co-directors Levi and Caitlin, and also our awesome stage managers, Lisa Overy and Jenna Kisker. "It was awesome to see the growth of the actors in this challenging production."



Levi Walker

Co-Director

Levi Walker graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2019 with a degree in Choral Music Education. After teaching choir and theatre at Beechwood Middle School in SC for two years, Walker moved to Eagle County to take the same position at Battle Mountain High School. Walker is passionate educating students in the performing arts, but helping students grow as people is what fulfills him. Walker is perpetually inspired by his parents among various other mentors, and he loves to dote on his 10 month old niece.



Caitlin Almond

Co-Director

I became involved in theatre my freshman year of high school and haven't stopped since. I attended Pittsburg State University where I earned a Bachelor's in Theatre Education and a Master's degree in Theatre where I focused on directing. I have directed over a dozen full length theatre productions since college, as well as a handful of children's theatre and improv comedy productions in both Kansas and Salt Lake City. I have been a theatre educator for seven years and love bringing stories to life on the stage and sharing my passion for the arts with young people. I feel honored to work with the students at Battle Mountain and to help them grow as both artists and people. During the day, I teach language arts and social studies at Berry Creek Middle School. I also have a passion for photography, travel, and snowboarding.



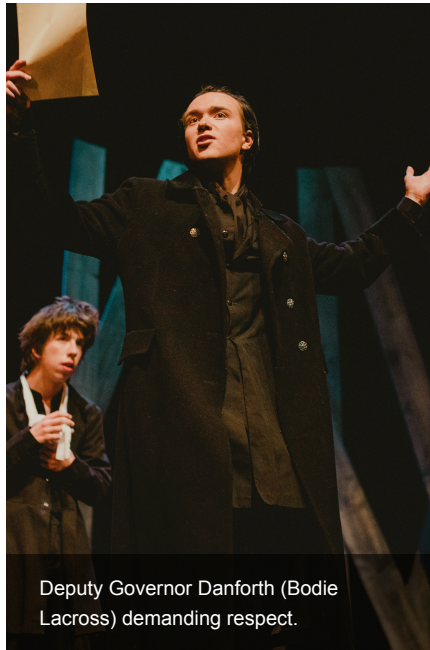
Reverend Samuel Parris (Rocco Romano) confronts his niece, Abigail Williams (Phoenix Wellbaum)



Betty Parris (Dylan Stepanek), Fr Sam Parris's daughter, wakes up from her supposed possession



Rift between Elizabeth Proctor (Isabel Applegate) and her husband, John Proctor (Willem Rohwer)



Deputy Governor Danforth (Bodie Lacross) demanding respect.

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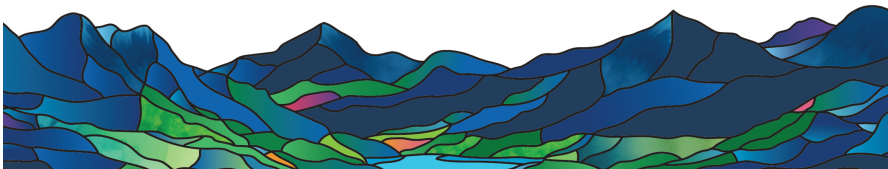
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