

PROGRAM

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Anne

of Green Gables

**Aquinas College Performing Arts Center
West Catholic Theatre Program**

PRESENTS

Anne of Green Gables

based on the book by L.M. Montgomery
Adapted for the stage by Stephen Joseph Burke

with

Francesca Varricchio
Meghan Trippany
Matt Barszewski
Sydney Kesterke
Adela Hulst
Ashlyn Armock
Jolie Mondroski
Ana Batchelder

Grace Kohane
Claire Buehler
Katarina Neidlinger
Ryan Greenop
Evan Buehler
Ethan Powell
MJ G
Niko Patterson

Lighting Designer

Sam Verburg

Sound Design

Aaron Bouman

Set Design

Brent Hulst and Colleen Powell

Production Assistant

Kelsey Amick

Direction and Costumes

Justina Ouellette

Presented with permission from Stephen Joseph Burke

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Anne of Green Gables has always been one of my favorite stories. As I type this, a well loved copy is sitting on my nightstand, a result of my research over the past few months for this show. Lucy Maud Montgomery's beloved tale of friendship and found family is just as relevant today as it was in Victorian Canada.

I believe that inside each of us is a child like Anne, who is just searching for the place that she feels welcomed, loved, and *home*. Some of us find it in our jobs, some on courts and fields, and some on the stage. It has been a joy watching my students do just that: finding themselves in the story and characters that they share with you today. Our final week of rehearsal was marked with personal tragedy for one of our cast, but the way they rallied around each other and supported one another with empathy and genuine kindness made me beyond proud of them.

The show has continued to get better every time I see them perform it. I cannot wait to share this story with you, I hope it delights you as much as it does me!

Enjoy the show!
Justina Ouellette

TITLE OF SHOW

SETTING

1908-1913. Avonlea, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

ACT I

1908-1911 Avonlea

INTERMISSION

ACT II

1911-1913 Avonlea

ACT III

1913 Avonlea

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Marilla Cuthbert.....Ashlyn Armock
Rachel Lynde.....Grace Kohane
Matthew Cuthbert.....Matt Barszewski
Station Master/Moody SpurgeonEvan Buehler
Anne Shirley.....Franchesca Varrichio
Mrs. Spencer/Ruby Gillis.....MJ G
Mrs. Blewett/Miss Stacey.....Claire Buehler
Mrs. Barry/Prissy Andrews.....Katarina Neidlinger
Diana Barry.....Jolie Mondroski
Josie Pye.....Sydney Kesterke
Jane Andrews.....Meghan Trippany
Gertie Pye/Miss Harris.....Adela Hulst
Mr. Phillips.....Niko Patterson
Gilbert BlytheRyan Greenop
Charlie Sloane/Mr. Saddler.....Ethan Powell
Tillie Boulter.....Ana Batchhelder

CREW

Stage Manager.....Nicholas Onderko
Assistant Stage Manager.....Madeline Trippany
Assistant Stage Manager.....Ash VanRooyen
Lightboard Operator.....Hadrian Smith
Sound.....Sarah Goffer
Sound.....Sarah Jager
Backstage Crew.....Blair Dewicki
Backstage Crew.....Athena Kalisz
Backstage Crew.....Shelby Kelley
Backstage Crew.....Avery Lanzer
Backstage Crew.....Josh Murray
Backstage Crew.....Sierra Pettit

WHO'S WHO



Ashlyn Armock

as Marilla Cuthbert

Ashlyn is a senior at West Catholic and is very excited and grateful to be playing the role of Marilla this year. Previous shows that Ashlyn has been in include *Quarantine Cabaret*, *All Shook Up*, and *Cinderella*. Ashlyn also participates in band, drumline and choir. Ashlyn would like to thank her sisters for helping memorize all her lines, her mom and friends for being supportive, and Ms. Ouellette for directing this amazing show!



Matt Barszewski

as Matthew Cuthbert

Matt is a senior at West Catholic, and he is ecstatic to be playing Matthew Cuthbert in this year's fall play. You may have seen Matt as Lawrence in *The Plot*, *Like Gravy*, *Thickens* or as Lord Pinkleton in *Cinderella*. Matt is a member of the West Catholic band and choir as well as the theatre program. Matt would like to thank his parents for all of their hard work and for pushing Matt to be the best he can be. He'd also like to thank his friends and his director for all of the faith and support they have for him. He couldn't have done it without them.



Ana Batchelder

as Tillie Boulter

Ana is a senior at West Catholic and is excited to be playing Tillie. Previous shows Ana has been in include *The Plot*, *Like Gravy*, *Thickens*; *The Little Mermaid*; *Twelfth Night*; *Macbeth*; *All Shook Up*; and *Cinderella*. Ana also participates in the band program. Ana would like to thank her whole family for supporting her high school theatre career.



Claire Buehler

as Mrs. Blewitt/Miss Stacey

Claire is a senior at West Catholic and is excited to play two very different characters in *Anne of Green Gables*. She has previously been a part of West Catholic's *Twelfth Night*, *Cinderella*, *Macbeth*, and *Quarantine Cabaret*. Claire is a part of the West Catholic band, drumline, and choir. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her in all of her activities.

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Evan Buehler as *Station Master/Moody Sturgeon*

Evan is a sophomore at West Catholic and will play the roles of Station Master and Moody Sturgeon. Last year, Evan also had a role in the Shakespear play. Additionally, Evan is in the drumline and choir. He would like to thank his sister for strongly encouraging him do theatre.



MJ G. as *Mrs. Spencer/Ruby Gillis*

MJ is a sophomore at West Catholic and plays both Ruby Gillis and Mrs. Spencer. Their personalities contrast quite a bit which she loves. Previously, she played Edith in *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens* and enjoyed the experiences that came out of it. MJ also plays tennis in the spring for West, and she used to play piano. She would like to thank her teachers and family members who've helped her handle her school work.



Ryan Greenop as *Gilbert Blythe*

Ryan is a senior at West Catholic, and he is playing the role of Gilbert Blythe, a very intelligent, very handsome boy with a major crush on Anne. Ryan's previous roles were Warden/Ensemble in *All Shook Up*, Roy in *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens*, Sebastian in *Cinderella*, as well as various roles in middle school productions. In his free time, Ryan enjoys bowling, playing card games and video games, and listening to music. He'd like to thank his family and friends for always being there.



Adela Hulst as *Gertie Pye/Miss Harris*

Adela is a freshman at West Catholic, and she is playing the role of Gertie Pye, a fellow school girl, and Miss Harris, a shopkeeper who loves to help others (even if it is an odd request). Some of her favorite performances are *Gravestone Manor*, *Trials of the Wicked Witch*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Help Desk*. Other than theatre, Adela loves music, art, and reading. She'd like to give a thank you to her parents, sibling, and friends for keeping her motivated and pushing her forward.

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Sydney Kesterke

as Josie Pye

Sydney is a freshman at West Catholic and is absolutely exhilarated to be playing Josie Pye. She was previously Ginda in *The Wizard of Oz*, and has had numerous roles in smaller shows. She enjoys drawing, writing, singing, and listening to music. She wants to thank her parents for directing her towards drama and her friends for always being there .



Grace Kohane

as Rachel Lynde

Grace is a senior at West Catholic and is playing Rachel Lynde. She has been in *High School Musical* as well as West Catholic's performances of *The 13 Bells of Boglewood*; *All Shook Up*; *The Plot, Like Gravy*, *Thickens*; and *Cinderella*. She is a leader of Women's Discernment Group and Life Force. Grace is in choir and will be participating in track and field this spring. She would like to thank her parents for letting her be a part if this.



Jolie Mondroski

as Diana Barry

Jolie is a junior at West Catholic. She is playing the role of Diana Berry, and she is absolutely thrilled to be bringing her to life. Her previous shows include *Macbeth*, *The Twelfth Night*, *All Shook Up*, and *Cinderella*. Behind the stage, Jolie has been ASM for *The 13 Bells of Boglewood* and ran lights for *The Plot, Like Gravy*, *Thickens*. Jolie is in choir and plays tennis in the spring. She would like to thank Ms. Ouellette for directing her and spending extra time with her to work on her upspeak and confidence as an actress. She would also like to thank her friends and family for all the support and love.



Kat Neidlinger

as Mrs. Barry/Prissy Andrews

Kat is a sophomore at West Catholic, and she is excited to play Mrs. Barry/Prissy Andrews. Previous shows she has been in are *Mary Poppins* and *Cinderella*. She also participates in color guard and choir. Kat would like to thank her dad, friends, and her mom.

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Niko Patterson

as Mr. Phillips

Niko is a junior at West Catholic and plays Mr. Phillips, that one real angry teacher guy. The only other play he has done was *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens*, when he played Hollister (which was awesome). Niko likes to draw, play in band, and get his butt kicked in Smash Bros on the E-sports team. He would like to thank his parents and siblings for being literally the coolest people ever, and to Gilbert Gottfried.



Ethan Powell

as Charlie Sloane/Mr. Saddler

Ethan is a senior at West Catholic and is playing both Charlie Sloane and Mr. Saddler. Last year, He was a member of the crew for *Cinderella*. In his free time, Ethan bowls, plays video games, as well as play board games with his family and friends.



Meghan Trippany

as Jane Andrews

Meghan is a senior at West Catholic and is portraying Jane Andrews, an empathetic and sensible friend to Anne. Previously, Meghan was in *Cinderella; The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens; All Shook Up; and Quarantine Cabaret*. When she isn't stressing about classes or participating in theater, she enjoys equestrian, photography, volunteering, and a variety of other artistic endeavors. Meghan would like to thank her friends for their constant support through hard times as well as her sister for not being completely annoying all the time.



Francesca Varricchio

as Anne Shirley

Francesca is a senior at West Catholic and is incredibly grateful to be playing the role of Anne Shirley. She has participated in musicals all through elementary school. Additionally she was in *All Shook Up; Peggy Sue in The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens; and Cinderella*. She enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends and participating in theater. She wants to thank her family and friends who believed in her for this role, and all those, including her director and cast mates, who have helped her grow into this role and let this show flourish.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Nicholas Onderko

Stage Manager

Nick is a senior at West Catholic and is very excited to see how he will do helping to direct a performance. Nick was a part of lots of shows like *All Shook Up*, *Cinderella*, and *Willy Wonka Jr.* Outside of theatre, Nick likes playing football and other outside activities. Nick would like to thank his family and friends for all of the support and wonderful experiences he has made over the past 3 years in this program!



Ash VanRooyen

Assistant Stage Manager

Ash is a junior at West Catholic and is very excited about being one of the assistant stage managers for this show. Additionally, she has been a part of the crew for *The Plot*, *Like Gravy*, *Thickens*. Ash is also in choir, color guard, and Girl Scouts. She would like to thank her best friends for always being there for her.



Maddie Trippany

Assistant Stage Manager

Maddie is a sophomore at West Catholic and is incredibly excited to be an assistant stage manager for her third show. Other shows include *The Plot*, *Like Gravy*, *Thickens* and *Cinderella*. Outside of theatre, Maddie enjoys reading, singing, and walking her dog. She would like to thank her mom and her sister for supporting her activities and encouraging her to step outside of her comfort zone.

PRODUCTION WHO'S WHO

Justina Ouellette

Director

This is Miss Ouellette's 5th year working at West Catholic, and she could not be more excited about this theatre season. Previous directing credits include *The 13 Bells of Boglewood* and *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens* among others. She takes great pride in her job teaching theatre to the next generation of artists. "This one is for Randy. Anne may not murder everyone in this version, but then again we always did have our creative differences."

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Thank you!

**WC Theatre would like to
extend a special thank you both
Miles & Cecelia Schmidt for
their generous support of
Catholic Education.**



Support WC Theatre and your
favorite cast and crew members by
purchasing a flower (or two) to give
them at the table or in the lobby!





Senior Shoutout!



Matty B, We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad

**Sydney, Keep dreaming big!
We are so proud of you and
love you!**

Love, Mom, Dad and Jake



Grace



**We are so proud of the young lady you
have become. Always working hard and
giving your best in whatever you do; from
high scoring black belt in Tae Kwon Do, to
academics with rigor, to faith life and
friendships, and now in the theater!**

**Prayers of thanksgiving,
Love, Mom & Dad and family**

**G--- Gorgeous & Gifted
R--- Reliable & Ready-to-go
A--- Alluring Actress
C--- Confident & Creative
E--- Encouraging & Energetic**

CONGRATULATIONS Rachel Lynde!



Ethan, Congratulation on your Senior Year! Crew last year and performing this year! We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad

Ashlyn, We are so proud of you and have enjoyed every performance you've been a part of over the years. You are a delight and I'm blessed to have you as my daughter. I'm very proud of the young woman you've become. May God continue to bless you always!

Love, Mom, Wes, Emma, Mady & Brynley!!



Marjorie, We are so proud of you! We love you! Break a leg!
Love, Mom, Dad and Big Bro

Niko: Bumblebee Tuna Beak!



**CONGRATULATIONS
AND HAVE FUN!
WE LOVE YOU!**

GRAMMY & GRAMPY!



**Jolie, we are so PROUD of
you! You will be a GREAT
best friend to Anne! Have
fun and break a leg!**

**We love you, Dad, Mom &
Ella**





Francesca,

I am so incredibly proud of you for putting yourself out there to share your love of the theater with your peers. Not many actors would be able to continue with the responsibility of your role considering the very unexpected loss of your dearest Mimi last week. Your values and hard work ethic continue to amaze me. Your strength and bravery to get up on stage is a testament to your dedication to your fellow performers and yourself. Mimi is smiling down on you and is so proud of you for NOT giving up.

Love you, Mom

“Theatre is a powerful art form, it teaches lessons about life, society and emotion and more importantly yourself.”

~Anastasia Roberts

Congratulations to our talented son, Ryan Greenop, as he takes the stage as Gilbert Blythe. Your dedication, passion and talent shine brightly. We are so proud of you. Enjoy the spotlight!

Love, Mom, Dad, Liz, Grace and Connor



RYAN

Ana



On stage from an early age. Congratulations, Ana Batchelder, for your truly remarkable theater run. We are incredibly proud of you!

Love: Mom, Dad, Sam, Isaac, all your grandparents and the entire family!

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Thank you!

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