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Principal's Message

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Welcome parents, family, friends, and our excited audience! On behalf of Bev Facey Community school, I want to thank each of you for attending what will be an amazing performance and for supporting our hard-working ultra-talented cast of students. They have shown passion, commitment, and loyalty to one another all through the journey of preparing for this production. In doing so they truly have represented the very best of what it means to be a Bev Facey Falcon. It has been my pleasure over the last few months to see firsthand the intense work and awesome results that our students have been able to achieve, and now tonight they will get to share that with all of you on the stage!



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It has been truly inspiring to see our cast rally around each other and along with the excellent guidance of our drama staff they have created an optimal environment for each of them to take risks and excel in their individual and group performances. Each of our students have worked long hours and have all taken turns at leading one another to continually raise the bar in this production.

The entire cast's commitment and passion is a testament to the fantastic artistic learning environment that we support and benefit from within the Bev Facey community.

Tonight's presentation by our drama students is a delightful comedy, chronicling the exploits of a completely mad family living in New York in the early part of the twentieth century. The Sycamore clan's eccentricities and oddities put them exceedingly out of step with the world around them. But as the play unfolds, the audience realizes that being mad is probably a better method of coping with the vagaries of life than that practised by their unhappy neighbors and acquaintances – and certainly a more entertaining one!

Your ongoing support of the Bev Facey Performing and Creative Arts program is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your patronage and on being the positive catalyst in the audience for all our students—now, please sit back, clear your thoughts, and let our cast transport you to someplace special!

Ken Wlos
Principal

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Director's Notes

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You *Can't Take It with You* opened in New York in December of 1936 to instant critical and popular acclaim. This depiction of a delightfully eccentric family, the third collaboration by playwrights George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, proved to be their most successful and longest-running work. Awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1936, the comedy went on to run 837 performances on Broadway. Kaufman and Hart sold the film rights to Columbia Pictures for a record-setting amount, and the 1938 film won an Academy Award for Best Picture.

Director's Notes

You *Can't Take It with You* relates the humorous encounter between a conservative family (the Kirby's) and the crazy household of Grandpa Vanderhof. Grandpa's family of quirky individualists amuse with their energetic physical antics, and inspire with their wholehearted pursuit of happiness. Kaufman and Hart fill the stage with chaotic activity from beginning to end. Critics have admired the witty one-liners, the visual theatricality, and the balanced construction of the play's three acts. It is undeniably escapist theater, and has clearly influenced American comedy. The formula originated by Kaufman and Hart — a lovable family getting into scrapes and

overcoming obstacles — has been adopted as a format by most of today's television situation comedies.

That there is a message in there as well speaks to the greatness of the writing. Kaufman and Hart ask us "Why don't we all just do what we love to do, regardless of how good we are at it? When you are doing what you love, you aren't working. Does it not make sense in this fast paced world of ours to slow down just a little bit and smell the flowers?" Seems to be as relevant today as it was in 1936.

The time to prep this project has been incredibly tight, and has demanded a number of sacrifices from the class, my colleagues, and the program, to get it ready at this early date. Thanks to everyone for their help and support. As well, it has been a pleasure working with these gifted young actors. I congratulate them on their hard work, their talent, and look forward to seeing what they can bring to our stage tonight, and in future productions.

Thank you for supporting Bev Facey Fine Arts. Enjoy the show!

Larry Frank
Director



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Cast



Penelope	Kayla Sand Aly Gariepy
Grandpa	Aidan Niebergall Declan Patton
Alice	Josie Edgar Marina Zadko
Tony	Daniel Smith Luke Parker
Paul	Jackson Withrow Ben Netherby
Essie	Alex Bellisle Elena Anthony
Ed	Gideon Scheffelmier Mitchell Pitters
Rheba	Cate Foster Avarey Frayn
Donald	Karter Klassen Connor Hayden
De Pinna	Paige Hafner Jenna Alibhai
Henderson	Sidney Moore Wren Audy
Boris Kolenkhov	Will Brisbin Drake Seipert
Olga	Kaitlyn Purschke Ava McTavish
Gay Wellington	Elizabeth Parker
Mother Kirby	Kennedy Komadina Naomi Sayed
Ms. Kirby	Julie Kowal Olivia Borrowman
Person 1	Renee Warner
Person 2	Robyn Warner
Person 3	Elizabeth Kyle Savanna McKay
Director	Larry Frank

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Jenna Alibhai

Mrs. De Pinna

Jenna is an enthusiastic student in grade eleven and this will be her third production in Facey's Fine Arts program. You may have seen her as Aunt Josephine and Prissy Andrews in *Anne of Green Gables* or as Mrs. White in *Clue: On Stage*. Jenna is overjoyed to be playing the character, Mrs. De Pinna alongside her double cast Paige. Outside of drama, she is a devoted academic student and enjoys biking, swimming, and baking. She thanks the cast, crew, and Mr. Frank for their hard work and supportive attitudes. Jenna hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has working on it!

Cast Bios



Elena Anthony

Essie Carmichael

This is Elena's second show at Facey and she's loved working with the cast and seeing the show come together. She's always had a passion for performing and has been involved in musical theatre, drama, and dance throughout her life, taking part in productions such as: *The Sound of Music* and Bev Facey's *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer*. You can catch her later this month in Bev Facey's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Elena has had so much fun with this show, and she hopes you enjoy it as much as she does!



Wren Audy

Wilbur C. Henderson

Wren is extremely proud to be joining the cast of *You Can't Take It With You* as Wilbur C. Henderson. Wren has taken acting classes for several years, but this is his first full performance, hopefully the first of many. He is a student at Bev Facey High School and an avid programmer, along with being fluent in French. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Alex Bellisle

Essie Carmichael

Alex is a grade eleven student and this is her fourth show at Facey! You may have seen her as Mrs. White in *Clue: On Stage*. She has fallen in love with her character Essie and she hopes you love her just as much as she does. She hopes you enjoy the show and laugh a lot!



Olivia Borrowman

Aunt Miriam Kirby

Olivia is a grade ten student at Facey and this is her first Facey production. She is beyond excited to be a part of this show. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her, and for coming to the show. Olivia hopes you enjoy the show!



Will Brisbin

Boris Kolenkhov

Will is a grade twelve student here at Bev Facey. This is Will's eighth show with the Facey Fine Arts program and he is thrilled to get the chance to bring Boris Kolenkhov to life! You may have seen him as the fearless leader Jack Kelly in last year's production of *Newsies*, as well as the mysteriously charming butler, Wadsworth in last semester's *Clue: On Stage*. You can catch Will in a few weeks time as Joseph in Facey's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Will was given the opportunity of a lifetime in the summer of 2021 as he got to play Ryder in *PAW: Patrol The Movie*. It was incredible to get to live his life-long dream and he hopes he can continue to grow as a performer. Select theater credits include: *Matilda*, *Evangeline*, *A Christmas Carol* (Citadel Theatre), *Oklahoma*, *Oliver* and *Elf* (Festival Place). Will would like to thank his friends and family for supporting his performing dreams, and Mr. Larry Frank for being a strong motivator, a visionary director, and for setting the standard of theater excellence for Will and his peers.



Josie Edgar

Alice Sycamore

This is Josie's third show at Facey. You might have seen her in *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* as the wonderful Mother Sweetums or the wild Whinnie Gallop! This is also sadly her last show at Bev Facey as she is graduating this year, but she has had so much fun in the drama program and hopes she can inspire the younger audiences to want to join drama! Josie is very excited to be playing the delightful and delicate Alice in this show as she can for sure relate to having a unique family... and hopes that you enjoy the very "normal" experience of the Sycamore Family!



Cate Foster

Rheba

Cate is playing the role of Rheba and she's very excited to be returning to the stage this year. You may have seen her in last semesters show *Clue: On Stage* or last year's production of *Romeo and Julie* at FRH. Cate enjoys spending her free time playing hockey, doing photography, and hanging out with her friends.



Avarey Frayn

Rheba

Avarey is a grade ten, first-time drama student, and is proud to be playing the role of Rheba in this production. With a passion for academics, athletics and the arts, she is excited to explore this new aspiration.



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Aly Gariepy

Penny Sycamore

Aly is in grade eleven and this is her sixth show with Facey Performing Arts. You may have seen her last semester as Mrs. Green in *Clue: On Stage* you and can catch her later this month in *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* as a narrator. She is very excited to be a part of this show and hopes you enjoy it!



Paige Hafner

Ms. De Pinna

Paige is very excited to be a part of Bev Facey's production of *You Can't Take It With You*. This is Paige's favourite way to spend her free time, along with sketching, reading, and playing her bass guitar. You may recognize her from her first Facey production of *Holder Posey, The Felonious Photographer* as Echo Chambers. This is a wonderful community and she is very glad to be a member and share it with everyone else.



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Connor Hayden

Donald

Connor is a grade twelve student and is excited to be a part of his last high school play, *You Can't Take it With You*, playing the role of Donald. Connor has been interested in art for as long as he can remember and had begun to take interest in performing in junior high and has been in drama ever since. He has been in *The Secret Garden* in the past and is thrilled to continue his drama experience with such a fun play. Connor wants to thank his friends and family for always being supportive of his interests and helping him become a better actor. He has had so much fun being in drama throughout high school and appreciates all the great people he's met, both in Facey and in his previous schools. Connor hopes you like his last performance and enjoy the show as much as he does.



Karter Klassen

Donald

Karter is thrilled to be apart of the Bev Facey Drama Production program. This is Karter's biggest role! He is very excited to be in this amazing show of *You Can't Take it With You*. In Karter's spare time he likes to practice and learn his guitar, use his photography skills to produce amazing art work and learn the fields of film production. You may recognize Karter from his performance in *Mockingbird* as Shane and the Funeral Guest!



Kennedy Komadina

Mother Kirby

Kennedy is a grade eleven student who has really enjoyed her time in drama these past years. She is playing Mother Darlene Kirby in this years show of *You Can't Take It With You*. You may have seen her in last years production of *Clue: On Stage* as Mrs. Peacock. She tends to spend her free time dancing or spending time with her friends. She hopes everyone enjoys the show.



Julie Kowal

Ms. Kirby

Julie is a grade ten student at Bev Fac-ey. She fell in love with the arts in grade five and has continued to pursue different drama and musical theatre classes and programs. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant support and she's very excited to be performing today. Julie hopes you all enjoy the show.



Elizabeth Kyle

Person 3

This is Elizabeth's first show as a Bev Facey student, and she has to say she couldn't be more excited! This is the first production she has been a part of since participating in *Willy Wonka Jr.* a few years ago. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her through countless hours of her babbling about the show. Elizabeth hopes you love the show as much as she does.



Savanna McKay

Person 3

This is Savanna's first show after building her acting skills, taking drama at FR Haythorne. Savanna enjoys dancing in her spare time and would like to thank her classmates for all the support and encouragement.



Ava Mctavish

Olga

Ava is a young and eager student who is excited to be in her first play. She was in the drama program at F.R. Haythorne where her interest in acting first sparked. She is happy to be around an amazing cast and is so excited for everyone to see the show.



Sidney Moore

Henderson

Sidney is looking forward to acting in *You Can't Take It With You*. This may be her first theatre performance at Bev Facey, but it's not her first time on stage. She gained a love for theatre when she was seven years old, immersing herself in it, performing as a clown as her first role, and enrolling in small musical theatre programs over the years. She took drama all throughout junior high school, and ended grade nine by performing as Romeo in *Romeo and Julie*. Sidney is incredibly excited to be performing in a more professional setting, and hopes to continue acting throughout grades eleven and twelve. Sidney is very creatively driven, and is hoping to pursue a career in an animation studio after high school.



Ben Netherby

Paul

Ben is extremely excited to be performing in tonight's showing of *You Can't Take It With You*. Ben played Pastor Pepper in last year's *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* and is glad to be finishing off grade twelve with such a great class and show.



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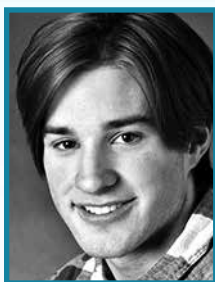
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Aidan Niebergall

Grandpa

Aidan is incredibly excited to play Grandpa in Bev Facey's production of *You Can't Take It With You*. This is Aidan's seventh show at Facey. He has also been seen in Facey's productions of *About Her*, *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* and *Clue: On Stage*. Aidan wants to thank the whole cast for their dedication and support! He thanks you for supporting live theatre and he hopes you enjoy the show!



Luke Parker

Tony Kirby

Luke is in his second year attending Bev Facey Community High School and he's very excited to share *You Can't Take It With You*. This is Luke's fifth show; you may have seen him as Drew Deline from *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* or Mr. Wiesel from *Newsies*. Luke wants to thank everyone in the Sycamore family for making such a memorable and wacky experience that he will never forget. He hopes the audience has as much fun watching the show as Luke did rehearsing it.



Elizabeth Parker

Gay Wellington

This is Elizabeth's second show at Bev Facey. She hopes that everyone enjoys the show. "Break a leg!"



Declan Patton

Grandpa

Declan is a grade twelve student here at Bev Facey. This is Declan's third and final Facey drama production, and he is excited to bring Grandpa to life! You may have seen Declan last semester as Colonel Mustard, in *Clue: On Stage*, or last year as Avery in *Charlotte's Web*. Declan wants to thank the cast and crew for the opportunity to bring this show to life. Declan hopes you all sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



Mitchell Pitters

Ed Carmichael

Mitchell is a returning drama student who was a part of last year's drama production of *Mockingbird* and is now playing Ed in *You Can't Take It With You*. He is thrilled to be a part of this amazing production. "Enjoy the show!!!"



Kaitlyn Purschke

Grand Duchess Olga

Kaitlyn is happy to be performing as Grand Duchess Olga in *You Can't Take It With You*. You might recognise Kaitlyn from the play *Clue: On Stage* from last semester. This was her first production at Bev Facey high school, and she played the cook. She had an awesome time being a part of a cast and seeing everyone come together to create something so entertaining! Kaitlyn hopes that everyone enjoys the show just as much as she did being a part of it.



Kayla Sand

Penny Sycamore

After acting in past Facey performances, *Clue: On Stage* and *Radium Girls*, Kayla is very excited to be a part of this year's production *You Can't Take It With You!* She has had an incredible time working alongside such a talented cast who have worked so hard to make this production the colourful and energetic story it is. Full of snakes, ballerina dancing, typewriting, and fireworks, she hopes this whacky production makes you laugh and smile with a warm feeling you CAN take with you!



Naomi Sayed

Mother Kirby

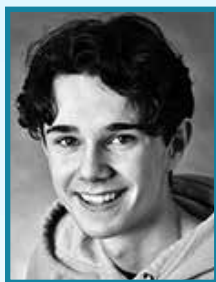
Naomi is a grade twelve student attending her first year at Facey. So far she's only had the chance to perform in one Facey drama production, *Holder Posey, The Felonious Photographer*. Naomi is very excited to perform, and hopes you enjoy the show and have lots of laughs.



Gideon Scheffelmier

Ed

Gideon is a grade eleven student at Bev Facey. He is happy to perform in *You Can't Take It With You* as the character Edward Carmichael. This is Gideon's third show at Bev Facey. In previous Bev Facey productions, Gideon played Mayor Gullible in *Holder Posey, The Felonious Photographer* and Charlie Sloane in *Anne Of Green Gables*. In his free time Gideon enjoys watching movies and sports. He also likes listening to music. "Now please sit back and relax and enjoy the show."



Drake Siepert

Boris Kolenkhov

Drake is grade eleven student at Bev Facey Community High School. This is his fourth production with the Facey Fine Arts program. You might recognize him from last semester as Wadsworth in *Clue: On Stage* and you can also catch him later this semester as Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. He hopes you enjoy this ridiculous, fun, and wonderful show! "Enjoy *You Can't Take It With You*."



Daniel Smith

Tony Kirby

Daniel has a love for theatre and is excited to be performing as Tony in this year's production of *You Can't Take It With You*. Daniel has performed in several drama productions over the years. At Facey over the past two years he performed in *Mockingbird* as well as a variety show. Outside of school Daniel continues acting and performing on stage. Off the stage Daniel plays the piano and violin and sings in a community choir. He loves playing sports and staying active. He would like to give a huge thank you to Mr. Frank for directing and producing this play, allowing for an amazing show! And he'd also like to offer a big thank you to the whole cast for making it such a great experience.



Renee Warner

Person 1

Renee is a grade ten student. This is her first show here at Facey although she has been in several shows in junior high, her most recent being *Romeo and Julie*. She is so excited for *You Can't Take It With You*. Renee likes the simplicity of it and hopes that you enjoy it just as much as she does.



Robyn Warner

Person 2

Robyn is happy to be playing the roles of person two in *You Can't Take It With You*. This is Robyn's first show at Facey, but she loves all things related to drama and musical theatre. She took classes in junior high that helped build up her acting skills. You may have previously seen her in the ensemble of the Festival Place's production of *Alice in Wonderland*. Robyn loves how light-hearted the show is. She loves that drama is a safe place to be herself.



Jackson Withrow

Paul

Jackson is very excited to be Paul in his last performance at Facey! This is Jackson's fourth show with Facey; he made his debut in *Radium Girls*.



Marina Zadko

Alice Sycamore

Marina is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey, and she is super excited for this show. Last semester she played Ida Claire Yawl in *Holder Posey*, *The Felonious Photographer* and also participated in Stage Eater's Theatre production of *Big Fish*. She really hopes you enjoy all of the plays, candy, ballet dancing and get in a few laughs!

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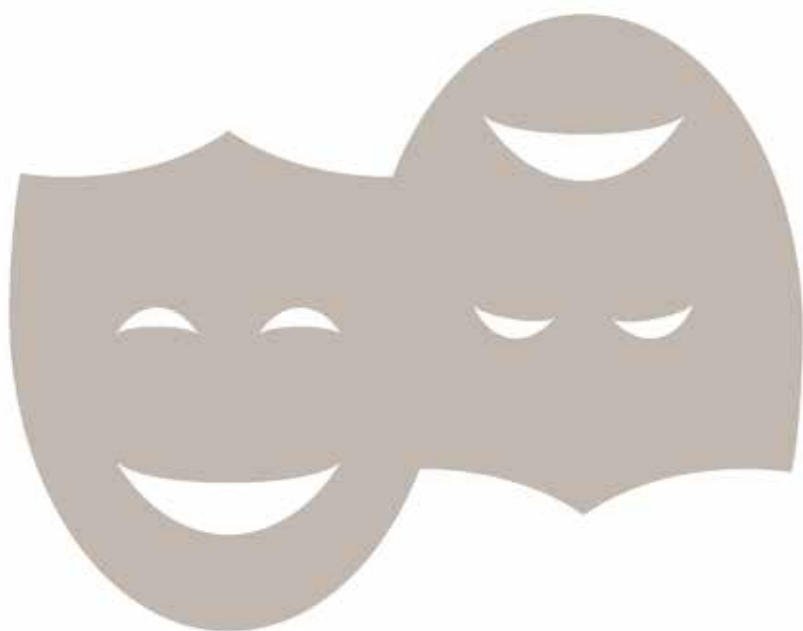
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Facey Fine Arts Team



Larry Frank

Director/Fine Arts Coordinator

Larry Frank is a dynamic and multitalented teacher and director. His eclectic tastes range from the arts to sports, and he equally loves both. Larry has enjoyed acting since the age of eight, and fell in love with the director's craft while studying at the University of Alberta. He takes great pride in the over two hundred shows he has directed, including *West Side Story*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Annie*, *Les Misérables*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Dead Man Walking* and *A Tale of Two Cities*. In his spare time, Larry manages the Elk Island Public Schools Honour Choir and enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife, Lianne, and his two energetic boys, Carter, who is seventeen years old and Cooper, who is fourteen. Larry would like to thank his wife and sons for making him laugh every day, and for making every day extra special!



Colleen Cruikshank

Director

Colleen Cruikshank began her music degree in Red Deer College in 1988. During this time, she worked with Centre Stage Productions as Rehearsal Pianist and Assistant Musical Director on a variety of productions including *Into the Woods*, *Godspell* and a late night Cabaret show. In 1990, she was contracted to work for Keyano College in Fort McMurray for *Cabaret*, and *Sweeney Todd*. In 1994, she completed her Bachelor of Music Degree at the University of Calgary, specializing in Secondary Education. Her passion for musical theatre has spanned more than twenty years and has led to working with some very fine directors, actors and choreographers. In 1996 she hit the stage with a lead in the romantic comedy, *Will You Still Love Me in the Morning?* Over the years, Colleen has accompanied and directed various choral groups, including Just Friends and most recently, The Edmonton Police Chorus. Over the years, she has had her jazz and concert bands perform at Disney Magic



Music Days a multitude of times as well as touring western Canada. Colleen joined the Facey Fine Arts Team in 2000 and since then has been proud to be part of some stellar productions including *West Side Story*, *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* to name but a few. In 2003, Colleen began flexing her directing muscle with *Dracula*, *Go Ask Alice* and *When Darkness Seems So Light*. Colleen brings a vast array of talent, experience and enthusiasm to the stage and is excited for all that lies ahead.



Andrew Sutherland

Music Director

Andrew Sutherland is a professional studio and touring musician, who studied at University of Alberta. He touches so many aspects of music composing, performing, rehearsing, touring, recording, mixing, conducting, and thoroughly stands by being a jack of all trades. He possesses talents across many genres, instruments, and subject areas and he believes students enthusiasm towards music will build a driving determination and discipline that will carry them far in life, while also having a great time. While not teaching a broad array of music courses at Bev Facey, Mr. Sutherland can be found mixing, recording, writing, composing, rehearsing, or performing a variety of music across Canada.

"Music is an outburst of the soul."

—Frederick Delius



Allan Milne

Art Director

Allan Milne is enthusiastic about teaching art at Bev Facey. He feels strongly about art as it gives students the ability to express themselves in ways that other subjects cannot, while also giving students the tools to create art where there was nothing... and having fun at the same time! When he isn't in the classroom, Mr. Milne enjoys working on soapstone carvings, painting, and staying physically active. Mr. Milne also has a busy schedule at home with his wonderful wife, son and three daughters!

"I find I can say things with color and shapes that I cannot say any other way."

– Georgia O'Keefe



Mhairi Berg

Musical Theatre Director

Mhairi is a multi-faceted artist who has enjoyed a successful career as both a performer and educator within music and theatre. Mhairi holds an MA in Music Theatre Performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She is a Sterling Award Winner for her original score composition for Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play. She is also an award-winning improviser, having toured internationally. Mhairi works professionally as a vocal coach, director, theatre educator, choreographer and musical director. She has been a theatre educator for Theatre Alberta's Artstrek, the Foote Theatre School, Grindstone Theatre, as well as many schools across Alberta. Mhairi is currently developing her new musical, Morningside Road, which will have its debut at the Edmonton International Fringe Festival later this year.

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You *Can't Take It With You* was made successful through the effort and dedication of many people. We are particularly grateful to the cast, crew and their families for making a commitment to our program and sticking with it. We are also grateful to the Bev Facey Administration for their continuing support of the performing arts.

Our shows couldn't run without technical assistance and we have some of the best help around! Special thanks to the best technical theatre class ever and the tech guru himself, Mr. Gerry Enns for his ongoing support and expertise!

Special Thanks

Leaning on people with organizational and computer skills makes part of our job quite easy. Thanks go to Art Packer at Newton Graphics for his work in designing and publishing our programs and posters for the entire season and to Kim Seibt for her tech wizardry with programs and basically everything! Also thanks to Kirk and Trudy Harrold at Focalpoint Photography for the outstanding work they do photographing our students and videotaping our shows. And a massive thank you to Salisbury Drama department for all their help with costumes, props and set pieces!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting the Arts and all our wonderful volunteers who support us every day!

Finally, to our audience-your support and appreciation keep all of us going and we are grateful for both. We are so grateful to once again be performing in person in front of a live audience. We hope to see everyone back later in May for our blockbuster production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

Larry Frank

Colleen Cruikshank

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The Facey Fine Arts Team

