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**HAYSWOOD THEATRE**  
Presents

**The Drowsy Chaperone**  
A MUSICAL WITHIN A COMEDY

Music and Lyrics by  
Lisa Lambert & Greg Morrison  
Book by  
Bob Martin & Don McKellar

Original Broadway of The Drowsy Chaperone produced by

Kevin McCollum  
Stephanie McClelland

Roy Miller  
Barbara Freitag

Bob Boyett  
Jill Furman

**STARRING**

**GREG  
COLLIER**

**HOLLY  
SMELSON**

**HEIDI  
PLATT**

**MICHAEL  
HORTON**

**BETHANY  
BARNO**

**KEVIN  
HORTON**

**ZACHARY  
TRINKLE**

**MIKE  
BITTENBENDER**

**DENVER  
BAYS**

**RAE  
HESTER**

**JENNIFER  
ALLEN**

**LAUREN  
KOLTER**

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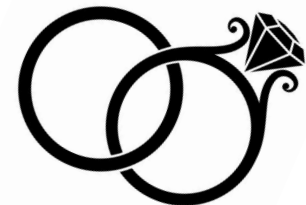
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*Directed by*  
**Allen Platt & Emily Trinkle**

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**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

MAN IN CHAIR.....Greg Collier  
MRS. TOTTENDALE.....Bethany Barno  
UNDERLING.....Kevin Horton  
ROBERT MARTIN.....Michael Horton  
GEORGE.....Denver Bays  
FELDZIG.....Mike Bittenbender  
KITTY.....Rae Hester  
GANGSTER #1.....Eryck Knear  
GANGSTER #2.....Lauren Kolter  
ALDOLPHO.....Zachary Trinkle  
JANET VAN DE GRAFF.....Holly Smelson  
THE DROWSY CHAPERONE.....Heidi Platt  
TRIX THE AVIATRIX.....Jennifer Allen  
SUPERINTENDENT.....Jesse Brown  
ENSEMBLE.....Brayli Temple  
Colby Pennington  
Bradyn Gundle  
Crystal Helms



## PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR.....Allen Platt, Emily Trinkle  
 MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Jennifer Johanningsmeier  
 CHOREOGRAPHER.....Amy Miller  
 STAGE MANAGER.....Crystal Helms  
 SOUND TECHNICIAN.....Chris Pennington  
 LIGHTING DESIGN.....Kevin Anderson  
 LIGHTING TECHNICIAN.....Kelli Temple  
 SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR.....Maia Schuler  
 COSTUME MISTRESS.....George Ann Watson  
 SET DESIGN.....Allen Platt  
 SET CONSTRUCTION.....Dennis Finn  
 PROGRAM DESIGN.....Bethany Barno

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## CAST PORTRAITS



Greg  
Collier



Kevin  
Horton



Bethany  
Barno



Michael  
Horton



Denver  
Bays



Mike  
Bittenbender



Rae  
Hester



Eryck  
Knear



Lauren  
Kolter



Zachary  
Trinkle



Holly  
Smelson



Heidi  
Platt



Jennifer  
Allen



Jesse  
Brown



Brayli  
Temple



Colby  
Pennington



Bradyn  
Gundle



Crystal  
Helms



Allen  
Platt



Emily  
Trinkle



Jennifer  
Johanningsmeier



Amy  
Miller

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**Greg Collier** (Man in Chair) is thrilled to return to the chair, as this marks the third time he has portrayed the Man in Chair in productions of *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Some of his other favorite roles include: L.M. (*Pump Boys and Dinettes*), Mike (*Working: The Musical*), Richard Hannay (*The 39 Steps*), and Nathan Detroit (*Guys and Dolls*). Greg serves as President of Wayward Actors' Company in Louisville.

**Bethany Barno** (Mrs. Tottendale) is thrilled to return to the Hayswood Theatre stage! You may have seen her previously on the Hayswood stage as the Mother (*A Christmas Story*). She also serves on the Hayswood Theatre Board of Directors. This is also the first time she has performed on stage with her sister, Holly Smelson (Janet Van De Graff). When not on stage, Bethany is a Workday Consultant for Altura Consulting. She would like to thank her husband for his support and Holly and Emily for encouraging her to audition!

**Kevin Horton** (Underling) is excited to be returning, after an 18 year hiatus, to the Hayswood stage to join this incredible cast. He most recently performed as King Arthur (*Spamalot*) at Center-Stage but has enjoyed his role as foster father to Kyson more than any role he has ever played. He would love to thank the production team for making this show possible, as well as the directors for allowing him this chance to perform. Kevin would also love to thank his wonderful husband, Michael, for his constant love and support. It is incredible to be onstage again with him (it only took 20 years).

**Michael Horton** (Robert Martin) is excited to be a part of the great cast of *The Drowsy Chaperone* (and sharing the stage again with one very special butler)! Michael was last seen at Hayswood as Mr.Green (*Clue: On Stage*). Favorite roles include Jesus (*Godspell*), Bert (*Mary Poppins*), Wayne (*State Fair*), and Linus (*You're a Good*

*Man, Charlie Brown*)! Michael would like to thank his family and friends for all their continued love and support.

**Denver Bays** (George) is excited to make his return to the Hayswood stage in this production as the best man George! Some of his past productions at Hayswood include Jaime Lockheart (*The Robber Bridegroom*), Troy Bolton (*High School Musical*), Mr. Bingley (*Pride and Prejudice*), and Tommy Keeler (*Annie Get Your Gun*). When not on the Hayswood stage he works at the Corydon Capitol State Historic Site as the Regional Program Developer and likes to spend time with his dog Theo. He would like to thank his friends, family, and coworkers for their continued support through the years on stage. He is excited and honored to work with a talented cast, crew, and directors in this hilarious musical, and hopes you enjoy the show!

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**Mike Bittenbender** (Feldzieg) is genuinely thrilled to be back performing at Hayswood. This will be his 3rd show here, following the title role in *Sweeney Todd* and the role of Gomez (*The Addams Family*). He is also glad to be back working with a number of cast mates from two prior shows done at Huber's. He thanks his wife for her patience and love and his kids for his inspiration.

**Rae Hester** (Kitty) is happy to be back on the Hayswood stage! This is Rae's second time performing at Hayswood. Previously, Lucinda (*Into the Woods*) Rae is thrilled to be back, especially for this show. She's always felt a special connection to the Prohibition Era. She thinks probably from a past life, but more likely because she grew up hearing stories of how her grandfather (yes, you read that right; he was pretty old when her mom was born,) was a bootlegger and a boxer during that timeframe. Named after himself (because why not?), Rip's Shine delivered a punch almost as strong as he did while in the boxing ring.

**Eryck Knear** (Gangster #1) is 22 years old, and is cast as the role of Gangster 1. This will be the 23rd production Eryck has been involved in at Haywood since 2010. Recent productions Eryck has taken part in at Hayswood include: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* as Pig Pen, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* as Tumnus the Fawn, and most recently Rapunzel's Prince in *Into The Woods*! Eryck hopes to one day be able to expand his candle business and have his own little shop one day! Eryck would also like to thank his family for being his number one supporters throughout his entire life!

**Lauren Kolter** (Gangster #2) is excited to be apart of this production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* with old friends and new! She hopes that everyone enjoys the show, and "it gives you a little tune to carry with you in your head". Lauren was the Stage Manager for The Nerd at Hayswood, and performed at CLT in *9 to 5* and *Disaster*. Outside of theatre, she is the Vice President of the non-profit, charitable organ-

ization Tri Kappa-Nu Chapter in New Albany where she is also the Scholarship Chair. Special thanks to her Mom, Dad, fur baby Archie Ray, dear family and friends for their incredible support, in addition to Emily and Allen for this opportunity!!

**Zachary Trinkle** (Aldolpho) is thrilled to be back on stage at Hayswood having most recently been seen as Porter (*Deathtrap*). You may have also seen Zach on stage this season as Ralph (*A Christmas Story*). Other past favorite roles include Sancho (*Man of La Mancha*), Max (*Lend me a Tenor*), and The Showman (*Woyzeck*). Zach would like thank his wife Madeline and daughter Arte for their love and support. He also encourages everyone to come out and be a part of Hayswood's next show *She Kills Monsters* which he will be directing.

**Holly Smelson** (Janet Van De Graff) is ecstatic to be back on the Hayswood stage after her most recent stint as Mrs. White (*Clue*). This is also the first time she has ever performed on



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stage with her sister, Bethany (Mrs. Tottendale). Other roles include Doralee Rhodes (*9 to 5*), Maggie Saunders (*Lend Me A Tenor*), and Shirley Winters (*Disaster*)! When not performing theatrics, you can find her on bar and restaurant stages performing with her band Cheat'n on Tucker as the lead singer. You can also look her up on Netflix, as she was a contestant on the karaoke game show, Sing On! Episode 3. Thank you to Allen and Emily for the opportunity, and thank you to all my friends who came out to support this production. It really means a lot!

**Heidi Platt** (The Drowsy Chaperone) was last seen on Hayswood Theatre's stage as Morticia in its 2019 production of *The Addams Family*. She is so grateful to be back! Heidi has worked with many local community theatre companies. Some of her favorite roles include Donna Sheridan in *Mamma Mia!* (Hayswood Theatre), Kate Jerome in *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Theatre-Works of Southern Indiana), and Melpomene in

Xanadu (The Chicken Coop Theatre Company). Heidi is a chemical engineer and owner of Platinum Grants & Proposals, LLC. She has been married to Allen (Director) for 31 years and is the mother of three loving daughters (Regan, Emma, and Grace).

**Jennifer Allen** (Trix the Aviatrice) currently lives in Louisville with her husband Douglas, her two sons Cassius and Winston, along with Abbey (pupper) and Blueberry (meow) and T'Challa (meow). She had participated in community theater in the past, and likes to revisit spontaneously - aka whenever Emily says so. She is very glad to be at Hayswood for the first time, and grateful for the opportunity.

**Jesse Brown** (Superintendent) is so thrilled and relieved to be returning to the Hayswood Theatre, especially after his recent cancer diagnosis - but hey, you can't have Stage 4 without a return to the stage. Other roles

you may recognize Jesse from are his limited run as Professor Plum (*Clue*) and Fester (*The Addams Family*). He hopes you enjoy the show, and remember to take time to enjoy being with your loved ones. Have fun!

**Brayli Temple** (Ensemble) is excited to performing on the Hayswood Theatre stage yet again. Her most recent on stage appearance at Hayswood was *A Christmas Story* as Esther Jane. She was also in her high school's production of *The Great Gatsby*, where she played Jordan Baker. She has also been seen as a stage hand and most recently as the assistant stage manager of *Deathtrap*. She has loved working with this cast and crew and hopes that you enjoy the show.

**Colby Pennington** (Ensemble) is happy to be returning to Hayswood stage, he has previously performed in *A Christmas Story* and was cast in the postponed *Grapes of Wrath*.

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has also been in *A Little Mermaid Jr* and *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr* at Highland Hills Middle School, participants in InterACT Performance Academy, enjoys playing the violin, and running cross country. Colby thanks his cousin Isabelle for introducing him to the love of theatre.

**Bradyn Gundle** (Ensemble) is senior in high school. This will be his first community theatre performance. He has performed in three high school shows. He was the Baker and a Knife (*Beauty And The Beast*), Oliver Hix (Quartet) (*The Music Man*) and Chad (*Almost, Maine*).

**Crystal Helms** (Ensemble/ Stage Manager) is very excited to be stage managing this production of *Drowsy Chaperone*, and performing along side this extremely talented cast. She is the third generation of her family to share the love of the Hayswood stage. Most recently she was the stage manager for *Into The Woods* and backstage crew for *A Christmas Story*, also at Hayswood. When she's not acting, (or scurrying around the stage setting

props), Crystal enjoys camping with her family, and learning how to do virtually anything using the internet.

**Allen Platt** (Co-Director) is happy to return to Hayswood Theatre where he has previously directed a number of shows, including *The Nerd*, *Always, Patsy Cline!*, *Mamma Mia*, and *The Addams Family*. Allen has performed in numerous productions, favorite roles include Scrooge (*Scrooge & Marley: A Christmas Carol*), Oscar (*The Odd Couple*), and Jud Fry in (*Oklahoma!*). He has also written and produced two shows: *Christmas in Buford: Snowed In!* and *Christmas in Buford: Snowed Over!* Allen would like to thank his wife, Heidi (the "Drowsy Chaperone"), daughters, Regan (& Reid) Ralston, Emma, and Grace, and his parents, Carl & Nancy Platt, for their love and support.

**Emily Trinkle** (Co-Director) is excited to be back directing with her friend, Allen Platt. They have directed several shows together including *Mamma Mia!*, *Disaster!*,

*Addams Family*, *The Nerd* and *Lend Me a Tenor*. Emily really enjoys screaming, crying eating and drinking on stage, therefore, he favorite roles include Mrs Peacock (*Clue*) Veta Louise Simmons (*Harvey*) Gwendolyn Pigeon (*The Odd Couple*) Cookie Cusack (*Rumors*) Ouiser Boudreaux (*Steel Magnolias*), Rachel Lynde (*Anne of Green Gables*) and Maria (*Man of La Mancha*). Shout out to my nieces and nephews, Penny, Scarlet, Arte, Mason, and Lincoln! Memy loves you! Special thanks to Neal Standing.

**Jennifer Johanningsmeier** (Music Director) is excited to be a part of this production. During the day, she is a fourth grade teacher at Jonathan Jennings Elementary, where she also helps to run an after school theater club. She uses nights and weekends to stay active doing musical theater. She has been Music Director for numerous shows including *9 to 5*, *Mamma Mia*, *Disaster*, *Christmas in Buford*, *Christmas in Buford: Snowed Over*, *Assassins*, *Assassins*, *Sondheim on Sondheim*, *Once on This*

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*Island, The Adams Family,* and *Nunsense*. Jennifer also enjoys playing piano or flute in the pit orchestra for theaters around town. She maintains a small private studio of flute and piano students and is also the accompanist at her church. Jennifer also enjoys spending time with her husband, Scott, and their 2 children Rachel and Rebecca, and she thanks them for being flexible with crazy rehearsal schedules.

**Amy Miller**  
(Choreographer) is excited to be back in action with the dream team at Hayswood for *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Amy is entering her 9th year as Director of Theatre Arts and Fine Arts Department Chair at New Albany High School. In her free time, Amy directs and choreographs around the community, likes to play tennis, and visit Disney World with her one year old daughter, Maggie, and husband, Mac!

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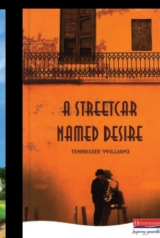
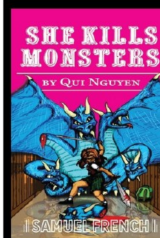
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