

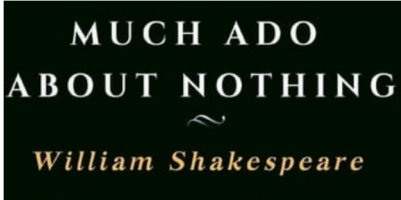
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING AT SOLANCO HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 20, 21, AND 22 AT 7:00 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS

ADULTS -\$8 STUDENTS - \$5

We are pleased to announce Solanco High School's Drama Troupe #1004 will present William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* this November. With a script adapted for



modern audiences by Jennifer Blastland, *Much Ado About Nothing* is a fast-paced comedy full of love, laughter, and clever twists. Set in sunny Messina, it tells the story of two very different romances: the fiery banter between Beatrice and Benedick, who seem sworn to outwit each other until their friends set a playful trap, and the tender courtship of Claudio and Hero, nearly ruined by a cruel trick. With mix-ups, misunderstandings, and the bumbling antics of Dogberry and the Town Watch, this timeless play showcases some of Shakespeare's sharpest wit and warmest moments.

This production is financed completely by the SHS Drama Troupe #1004, which is chartered by the International Thespian Society. This year over 50 students will be involved in the production in roles such as actors, crew, set painters, set builders, and ushers.

The play stars seniors Kenton Green as Benedick, Sophie Pizzulli as Beatrice, and Ava Foley as Hero, and juniors Reed Morehouse as Claudio and Grace West as Dogberry. The rest of the cast includes seniors Tai Kauffman as Don Pedro, Aidan Rice as Leonato, Aiden Elliot as Don John, Michaela Meyrick as Antonia, Lydia Young as Ursula, Kate Zdrojewski as Alaina; juniors Cooper Fuller as Balthasar, Ben Ginter as Conrade, Tony Koch as Borachio, Tom King as Verges, Morgan Krauss as Seacole, and Jed King as the Sexton; sophomore Bri Eller as Margaret; and freshmen Weston Young as Friar Francis, Addison Morgan as Oatcake, Aurora Remaley as Puffin, Nina Brown as Gina, and Ella McGrath as Phyllis. The stage manager is Solanco graduate Annie Sheaffer and the student stage manager is Tavi Solares.

The play is directed by Mrs. Jenny Blastland who returns after directing *Clue: High School Edition* for SHS last year. She served as the director of SHS musicals from 2012 to 2016 and the SHS play from 2007 to 2011 as well as founding the SHS Drama Club. Mr. John Biles serves as the assistant director, production stage manager, and lighting designer. The costume design is by Mrs. Susan Robertson and set construction by Mr. Todd Brown and his students.

Please join us for *Much Ado About Nothing* runs November 20, 21, and 22 at 7:00 pm at the Solanco High School Auditorium. General admission tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets go on sale October 28 and can be purchased with cash or check at the door or in advance by visiting the main office at Solanco High School. All seats are general admission.