

AUDITIONS

FOR THE FIRST EVER VIRTUAL PLAY IN BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY!!



HISTORY/SYNOPSIS:

Greater Tuna is the first in a series of four comedic plays (followed by *A Tuna Christmas*, *Red, White and Tuna*, and *Tuna Does Vegas*), each set in the fictional town of Tuna, Texas, the "third-smallest" town in the state. The series was written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard. The plays are at once an affectionate comment on small-town, Southern life and attitudes but also a withering satire of the same.

Greater Tuna uses humor to shed a light on uncomfortable issues, such as racism, that are significant to our culture. It creates a safe environment that challenges us to examine our own prejudices while we laugh at the absurdity that we see on-stage. The play is rated between PG and PG-13 for some adult humor and mild language. The play is a "well-known work of satirical art" that does not reflect the opinions and values of our Performing Arts Department, school or Ballard community at large.

Most of the Southern comedies we have performed at BHS are lighthearted and this play pokes at the stereotypes of small southern towns with humor and does not pull punches. It is very relatable, but also very silly and over the top. I feel that the authors are laughing *with* small backwoods towns and not *at* them."

DUE TO THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THIS PLAY WILL BE REHEARSED COMPLETELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS! OUR TRUSTY GUSTAVO WILL BE WORKING WITH ME ON ALL THE VIDEO RECORDING ELEMENTS. YOU WILL NEED TO WORK THROUGH A COUPLE OF TEAMS REHEARSALS ON YOUR CHARACTER WITH ME, PROVIDE A COSTUME (WITH CRITERIA PROVIDED BY ME) AND THEN WORK WITH THE FILMING SCHEDULE AND GUSTAVO IN OCTOBER TO RECORD YOUR PART.

THE PRODUCTION WILL BE STREAMED THROUGH SHOWTIX4U.COM - THE SAME WEBSITE OUR PATRONS USUALLY USE TO PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE! TICKET PRICES WILL BE \$10 PER INDIVIDUAL OR \$30 FOR A GROUP OF 5 OR MORE.

1. GO TO [HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/PAGES/RESPONSEPAGE.ASPX?ID=DQSIKWDSWOYXEJAJBIZTRQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGIQ1NUNKXYUKJSUJCSMUZXTZBARLCTUK2T1RROS4U](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIKWDSWOYXEJAJBIZTRQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGIQ1NUNKXYUKJSUJCSMUZXTZBARLCTUK2T1RROS4U) AND FILL IN ALL THE INFORMATION. I WILL THEN SEND YOU A PACKET ABOUT WHAT TO PREPARE AND DO FOR AUDITIONS, AS WELL AS A TIMETABLE FOR THIS PRODUCTION. SHARE THIS LINK WITH PEOPLE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE BPA WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE.

2. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO EMAIL ME AT SMRILEY@SEATTLESCHOOLS.ORG

3. AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE SCRIPT WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AFTER YOU HAVE FILLED OUT THE MICROSOFT FORMS AUDITION FORM.

4. PLEASE DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE PLAY. TONS OF CLIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO WATCH ONLINE.

5. LINK TO THE AUDITION FORM WILL ONLY BE LIVE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

1. CHARLENE BUMILLER - DAUGHTER OF HANK AND BERTHA BUMILLER, AND SISTER TO STANLEY AND JODY
2. JODY BUMILLER - YOUNGEST CHILD OF BERTHA BUMILLER, FOLLOWED CONSTANTLY BY "EIGHT TO TEN DOGS"
3. STANLEY BUMILLER - FRESH FROM REFORM SCHOOL; TWIN TO CHARLENE
4. VERA CARP - TOWN SNOB AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SMUT-SNATCHERS OF THE NEW ORDER
5. PETEY FISK - EMPLOYEE OF THE GREATER TUNA HUMANE SOCIETY
6. DIDI SNAVELY - OWNER OF DIDI'S USED WEAPONS ("IF WE CAN'T KILL IT, IT'S IMMORTAL")
7. ARLES STRUVIE - A DISC JOCKEY AT RADIO STATION OKKK
8. CHAD HARTFORD- A REPORTER FROM HOUSTON WHO COMES TO INTERVIEW BERTHA
9. PHINAS BLYE- A POLITICIAN FROM INDIANA WHO RUNS FOR CITY COUNCIL EVERY ELECTION
10. HAROLD DEAN LATTIMER- OKKK'S WEATHERMAN
11. BERTHA BUMILLER - WIFE OF HANK AND MOTHER TO JODY, STANLEY, AND CHARLENE; MEMBER OF THE SMUT SNATCHERS OF THE NEW ORDER
12. HANK BUMILLER- HUSBAND OF BERTHA
13. PEARL BURRAS - AUNT TO BERTHA, WHO IS, AS PETEY FISK CLAIMS, ADDICTED TO KILLING DOGS (IN THE PLAY, CALLED *CANICIDAL THUMBITUS*)
14. LEONARD CHILDERS - STATION MANAGER OF OKKK FOR HIS TALK SHOW, "LEONARD ON THE LINE"
15. SHERIFF GIVENS- BELIEVES IN OLD-FASHIONED JAILS
16. ELMER WATKINS, HEAD OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE KKK, DEDICATED TO MAKING THE TOWN SAFE "FOR THE RIGHT KIND OF PEOPLE"
17. YIPPY THE DOG- PET OF THE MONTH FOR FIVE WEEKS IN A ROW, YIPS A LOT, AND NO ONE WANTS TO ADOPT HIM
18. R.R. SNAVELY - UFOLOGIST, TOWN DRUNK, AND HUSBAND TO DIDI
19. THE REVEREND SPIKES, PRESIDENT OF THE SMUT SNATCHERS OF THE NEW ORDER
20. THURSTON WHEELIS - A DISC JOCKEY AT RADIO STATION OKKK

SOME OF THE CHARACTERS, REGARDLESS OF NAME, ARE GENDER NON-SPECIFIC AND
I WILL CAST THE BEST PERSON IN THE ROLE.