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J.B.

A Play in Verse
by Archibald MacLeish
The Pulitzer Prize Play of 1959

Pleasant Valley High School Drama Department

*April 23 and 24, 2010
7:00pm*

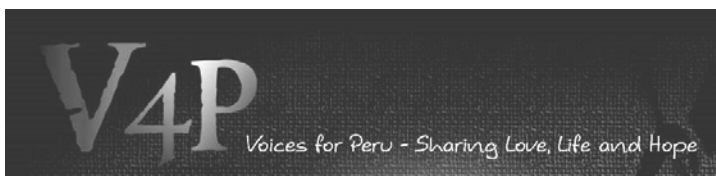
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From the Director...

This year's Pleasant Valley Community School District Wall of Honor Distinguished Alumni recipient is Dan Klopp. Dan graduated from PVHS in 1994. Throughout his high school career he was heavily involved in drama. He played George Spelvin in *An Actor's Nightmare*, a dead theatre critic in *The Real Inspector Hound*, and he directed *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Dan also suffered from a severe speech/hearing condition. I'm not sure if "suffered" is the correct verb however. Dan's passion for everything in which he was involved more than compensated for the difficulties he experienced. Dan's work for the marginalized and underprivileged in Peru further exemplifies his passion and the type of man he has become. Not unlike J.B. (our modern Job), Dan's faith withstands trials and tribulations most of us may not even be able to imagine. His conviction, shared by J.B., in the face of incredible challenges is a lesson we could all learn.

For more information about the challenges Mr. Klopp and his organization face on a daily basis go to <http://www.v4peru.com>.

~ Mr. Myatt



Synopsis

Archibald MacLeish's Pulitzer Prize winning verse play sets the Old Testament book of Job in a semi-satirical modern setting (a circus tent), where J.B. (Job) undergoes his trials under the watchful eyes of the circus vendors Zuss and Nickles, who mimic the roles of God and Satan, respectively. J.B.'s plight is essentially a play within a play, as the focus of the work tends to be the interactions between Zuss and Nickles. MacLeish raises the eternal questions through these powerful scenes, most notably with the recurring jingle of Nickles: "If God is God he is not good; if God is good He is not God..." Readers of this play are forced to address the questions themselves while they are entertained and challenged by the proposals of the characters and the Biblical parallels they represent. (from Amazon.com)

Setting

The play takes place in the interior of a traveling circus tent which has been touring the back roads of the world for a very long time.

Warnings and Notices

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The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, with or without flash, is strictly prohibited.

Atmospheric haze effects will be used during the production.

Characters (in order of appearance)

First Roustabout, One-legged Soldier Second Soldier, First Reporter	Owen Hoke
Second Roustabout, First Soldier, Sailor, Second Reporter	Alex Kurth
Prop Girl, Girl	Alexandra Olsen
Nickles	Regina Pauly
Mr. Zuss	Tim Bawden
J.B.	Morgan Hoke
Sarah	Emily Myers
David	Max Moline
Mary	Emilee Meincke
Jonathan	Philip Tunnicliff
Ruth	Emily Beilke
Rebecca	Sonia Smith
Mrs. Botticelli	Brooke Schelly
Mrs. Lesure	Megan Mohs
Mrs. Adams, Wave	Haley Nellis
Mrs. Murphy	Jessica Smith
Mrs. Jolly	Julia Sears
Miss Mabel	Laurelin Berkley
Boy	Morgan Venhorst
Bildad	Garrick Ehlers
Zophar, Preacher	Alex Watson

Eliphaz, First Civil Defense Officer

Sarah McCraw

First Police Officer

Amelia Bay

Second Police Officer

Sadie Fah

Second Civil Defense Officer

Emma Thompson

The Campbell Killer Or Tomato Soup for the Murderer's Soul

Dr. James Barrington and his wife Ashley cordially invite you to a fundraiser for The Student Hunger Drive at Pleasant Valley High School on May 15, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Please bring a canned food item that will be donated to The Student Hunger Drive.

Other activities for the evening include the auctioning of one of Andy Warhol's famous "Soup Can" paintings with proceeds going to The Student Hunger Drive.

Admission
(which provides the PVHS Drama Department with needed funding)
includes a drink, dessert, and prizes is
\$7.00 for adults
\$5.00 for students/senior citizens

The Spartan Sleuths branch out into the world of original art by producing an original murder-mystery-comedy with an original painting based on Warhol's "Soup Cans" painted by PVHS art students as the basis for the show! Based on an original novel treatment by former police detective Norm Kelly and adapted for Spartan Sleuths by Bishop Massey, Brooke Schelly, and Mr. Myatt, this promises to be an exciting evening of murder, mystery, mayhem, and mirth. Tickets available at showtix4u.com.

Technical Staff

Director	William Myatt
Technical Director	Adam Overberg
Costume Designer	Cindy Ramos-Parmley
Assistant Director	Taylor Truster
Stage Manager	Nicholas Schurr
Property Master/Mistress	Owen Hoke
Property Crew Philip Tunnichliff	Tim Bawden, Max Moline,
Master Carpenter	Nicholas Schurr
Scenic Construction Crew	Justin Bader, Emily Beilke, Stephen Bellig, Laurelin Berkley, Garrick Ehlers, Sadie Fah, Kerry Glynn, Rachel Guhin, Alex Kurth, Sarah McCraw, Emilee Meincke, Emily Myers, Haley Nellis, Alexandra Olsen, Regina Pauly, Nicholas Schurr, Morgan Venhorst, Alex Wilkinson
Costume Mistress/Master	Brooke Schelly Taylor Truster
Costume Crew	Sarah McCraw, Megan Mohs, Emily Myers, Julia Sears, Jessica Smith, Sonia Smith, Emma Thompson
Light Board Operator	Nicholas Schurr
Lighting Crew	Morgan Hoke, Owen Hoke
Sound Board Operators	Justin Bader Alex Wilkinson
Makeup/Hair Crew Heads	Grant Swanson Jasmine Yeats
Makeup/Hair Crew Mohs, Alex Watson	Jori Colarusso, Megan

Meet the Cast and Crew ...

JUSTIN BADER is a freshman. Who was in *Seussical*, and works back stage for shows because he enjoys being a techie. Justin is excited for this show. Justin did work for *(Anon)ymous*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Seussical*.

TIM BAWDEN enjoys drama and writing and has participated since last year. He is a junior at PV.

AMELIA BAY is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. She has been involved in theatre all four years that she has been in high school. She loves being part of the Drama Department and is involved in many aspects of theatre, on stage and back stage. She loves stage makeup and acting as well. She is going to University of North Carolina School of the Arts next year! She hopes you enjoy the show!!

EMILY BEILKE is a freshman at Pleasant Valley. You may have seen her in *Seussical* or *A Christmas Carol*. She enjoys acting and hanging out with friends and hopes you enjoy the show!

LAURELIN BERKLEY is a freshman at PVHS. She is excited to be in her third show on the Spartan Stage! You may have previously seen her "Monkeying Around" in *Seussical*, or going mad from superstition in the Junior High's *The Bard is Back*. Along with Drama, Laurelin participates in Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, Concert Band and Concert Choir. She hopes you enjoy the show.

GARRICK EHLERS is a junior. He is currently taking all honor classes and hopes to major in Biochemistry at U of I. He enjoys swimming, tennis, and golf

SADIE FAH is a freshman at PV. You may have seen her in *Anon(ymous)*. When she's not doing drama she's with her friends or playing volleyball. She also loves to sing and dance.

MORGAN HOKE is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. You may have seen him on stage in such productions as *Anything Goes* (Sir Evelyn), *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* (Ken De La Maze) and *Seussical* (Cat in the Hat). Earlier this year, he directed *Anon(ymous)* When not on stage, he enjoys working tech, particularly lights. He is elated to see you here and hopes you enjoy the show.

OWEN HOKE is a freshman at PVHS. Owen has been in drama since he was in 7th grade. You may have seen him in the Jr. High's productions of *Dear Edwina, Jr.* and *The Bard is Back* and the PVHS productions of *Seussical* and *A Christmas Carol*. Outside of drama, he enjoys participating in the percussion section of band.

ALEX KURTH is a sophomore at PV. When not participating in drama, he enjoys texting, skiing, and just hanging out. He has been involved with 5 shows on the Spartan Stage. Enjoy the show.

SARAH MCCRAW is a sophomore at Pleasant Valley High School. When she's not hanging out with friends, she is working at Junior Theater. She has performed 10 plays at Junior Theater playing Peppermint Patty in her most recent play *Snoopy!* She loves to sing and be on stage!

EMILEE MEINCKE is a freshman at PV who is excited for her second show on stage. Enjoy!

MEGAN MOHS is a junior at Pleasant Valley this year. She has been actively involved in drama for two years. When not participating in drama, she sings in the PVHS Chamber Choir. She is also an active member of Mock Trial. She loves performing and hopes everyone enjoys the show.

MAX MOLINE This is Max's Second year in drama and his first at the High School. He has been a Cadet in *Seussical* and Peter in *A Christmas Carol*. Enjoy the show!

WILLIAM MYATT began his experience in the theatre by playing Jonathan in *Arsenic and Old Lace* at Maquoketa High School. Since that time, he has acted in and directed numerous productions. Mr. Myatt has served as a leader on both the state and national levels and is a member of The Iowa Educational Theatre Association Hall of Fame and the national Educational Theatre Association Hall of Fame. He enjoys a "dramatic" life with son Zach, daughter Anna, and wife Christina.

EMILY MYERS is a senior at PV this year. You may have seen her as Mrs. Harcourt in *Anything Goes*, Anne Black in *Murder in Black and White*, a Who in *Seussical* or Mrs. Laius in *Anonymouse* and has also done technical work for more than seven shows, including *Chicago*. She would like to thank her amazing family and friends for their constant support over the past four years and the cast and crew for making her final show amazing.

HALEY NELLIS is a sophomore at PV. She loves performing on the Spartan Stage. You may have seen her last as Mrs. Mayor in *Suessical*. As well as theatre, she enjoys choir and spending time with friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ALEXANDRA OLSEN is a freshman at PVHS. You may have seen her as a Birdgirl in the *Seussical*. She loves being on the stage and is very excited for this production. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoyed working on it!

REGINA PAULY is a senior at Pleasant Valley High School. You may have seen her in previous productions on stage including Hope Harcourt in *Anything Goes*, Elsa Von Grossenkneuten in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* and June in *Chiacgo*. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all of the hard work and time they put in to make such a fabulous production. Enjoy the show!

BROOKE SCHELLY is a junior at Pleasant Valley. She enjoys theatre as well as choir. You may have seen her in *Seussical*, *Anon(ymous)*, *A Christmas Carol*, or *Almost, Maine*.

NICHOLAS SCHURR is a senior at Pleasant Valley. When not working backstage he enjoys football, choir and Spartan Assembly. He has participated in many shows throughout high school including being the Stage Manager for *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* and *A Salamander Story*. Nick is the Drama Club Historian. He also participated in the All-State Show, *The Laramie Project*. He hopes you enjoy the production!

JULIA SEARS is a junior at PV. You may have seen her last fall as a Who in *Seussical* or last year in *A Voice of My Own* and *Murder in Black and White*. Outside of school she loves singing and being with friends. Break a leg everybody and enjoy the show!

JESSICA SMITH is so excited to return to the Spartan stage. She is a junior this year and is trying to survive Stangler's class! Jessica has previously been a troll in *East of the Sun*, a fan in *The Fatal 50's Affair* and Mrs. Cratchitt in *A Christmas Carol*.

SONIA SMITH is a freshman this year. She enjoys reading and writing.

GRANT SWANSON No bio submitted.

EMMA THOMPSON is a sophomore at PVHS. You might have seen her in the ensemble in *Anything Goes*, as Omar in *A Salamander's Story*, as a Bird Girl in *Seussical* or most recently as the Laundress/Piper in *A Christmas Carol*. When not performing on the Spartan Stage, Emma enjoys playing the alto saxophone in the school band.

TAYLOR TRUSTER is a junior this year, and is very excited to be a part of this show. You may have seen him recently on the Spartan Stage as Horton the Elephant in *Seussical* and Ali/Ignacio in *Anon(yomous)*. Taylor would like to thank his parents for all their love and support, and hopes you enjoy the show.

PHILIP TUNNICLIFF is a freshman at PVHS. Outside of drama, he enjoys participating in the high school's choir. He hopes to continue with drama throughout high school.

MORGAN VENHORST is a freshman at Pleasant Valley High School and can't wait for this play!

ALEX WATSON is a junior at Pleasant Valley High School. He is an active member in the Drama Club with roles including Elisha J. Witney in *Anything Goes*, and King Swami in *A Salamander Story*. Alex is also involved in Chamber Choir and Jazz Choir. He hopes you enjoy the show and will come back for many more!

ALEX WILKINSON is a sophomore at PVHS. In his spare time he likes hang out with friends or play golf.



Break a legs...

Morgan,

What can we say as we watch your last performance on the Spartan Stage? Simply how proud we are of you, how much we have enjoyed watching you grow and achieve, and how much we will miss it next year! We know that all of your accomplishments are nothing compared to what your future will bring. We love you!

Mom and Dad

Owen,

As your first year on the Spartan Stage comes to an end, we want you to know how proud we are of you!! Your hard work and dedication shows!! Love you! Break a leg!

Mom and Dad

Taylor,

Congratulations on the new **direction** this play has taken you! Great job. You always make us proud. Break-a-Leg.

Love you, Mom and Dad

Laurelin,

As you wrap up your first year of high school, it's been a joy to watch you blossom on stage and off! Break a leg and have fun!

Love you!

Mom, Dad, and Russell

We want to wish all of you in J B
whether on stage or off here at PV
glorious moments as crew or as cast
for our dear senior this may be her last

so extra kudos to the "2010's"
you are truly talented thespians,
we trust where ever your future path rests
you'll bring others joy - we wish you the best

Love, Amy Bay's family

PS: You rock Amelia! We love you.

Grant:

**It is fun to think of how you've grown in
the last four years...
and to think about the possibilities in the
future! ^.^**

We love you-

Mom, Dad and Claire

(Sorry we missed the BAL's for Anon. We thought
that the show and you were great.)

To our Brookie - You'll always be our shining
star! We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sam, MeeMaw & PawPaw

Alex K.,

We're glad to see you on the Spartan Stage again
this year!

Stand tall, have fun, and break-a-leg!

Love, Your Peeps

Class of 2010....

Thank you for sharing your talents and keeping us entertained.

Good luck to you all. Break a leg here, there, and everywhere...

Tim and Tammy Mohs

Megan,

When are you coming home?

Charley and Sam

Megan,

You look good onstage no matter what you're wearing.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Break-a-leg Haley!

We are so proud of you.

Love, Your Family

Sarah,

You have always been a "comfort" to us!

Love and best wishes,

Dad, Mom and Jack

Good luck Alex! We love watching you on stage!

Love, Mom and Dad

Philip –

Congratulations on playing a character who dies a theatrical death once again. Go out there and slay the audience!

Mom, Dad, and Anna

Alexandra,

Your freshman year has been very busy and full of accomplishments. We always knew you would be a great "Drama Queen".

We are very proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Alexandra

I'm so happy to be here watching you perform.
Be yourself and remember Vó Adelma te ama! Bjós

Garrick-

Thanks for being in a play about one of our
favorite books.
We always enjoy seeing you on the Spartan
stage.
Have fun and break-a-leg!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and the rest of the Casa Chaos
Gang

Regina,

We can't believe this is your last show.
What a wonderful High School career!

You have amazed us in every performance and we
look forward to seeing you shine for many years to
come.

You can see how much you love the theater with
each show.

We are so proud of our "little Devil"!!
Love, Mom & Dad

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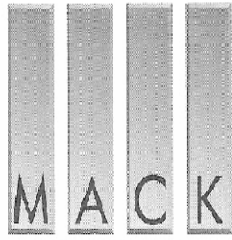
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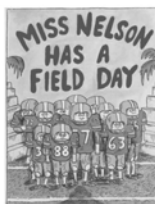


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