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STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

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THE ACTORS



Anna Choquette is a senior at the University of Dayton majoring in psychology. She has had her hand in practically every role in theater, from the director's chair to being center stage. Portraying Allison Jennings in *Standards of Behavior* is her first role in voice acting.



Ruy Diaz: "I play Roy Hammond. Unlike many of the other voice actors, I had no experience with acting. The closest I got was handing out fliers at the door of theater events in my high school. I am a junior political science major seeking pre-law and philosophy minors. I auditioned because my friend Nancy asked me to because she based the character off of me; I am still deciding whether I enjoy it. As you can imagine, Roy and I are very similar. I am not as obnoxious as Roy, but I am — or so I have been told — very friendly and easy to talk to. What I like about Roy is that he is the ideal comedic relief. Being oblivious to what is going on around him makes him all the more funny. Even though he seems like an idiot at times, I do not believe he truly is; no one ever fills him in on what is going on, so he acts like nothing is wrong at all. There will be moments when you will see Roy show his true and honest self, and that is probably my favorite part about the enigmatic character."



Joseph Gore is a computer engineering student from Columbus, Ohio. This is his second time voice acting in a podcast. He plays the role of Will.



Abigail Jansen: “I play the roles of Penny and Faith Thompson. I’m a music major and psychology minor, with trumpet as my primary instrument. I am an active performer with the UD Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Dayton Jazz Ensemble, University Orchestra, Trumpet Ensemble, and Pride of Dayton Marching Band. I am also an active member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a women’s music fraternity, and Psi Chi, a psychology honor society. I auditioned for the podcast because I’ve always had an interest in voice acting and wanted to give it a try. Little did I know just how much fun it was going to be.”



Jordan Kenny: “I am a junior mechanical engineering major from Hilliard, Ohio. I am a member of the Dayton EMpwr Team, a member and chorister of the fraternity Beta Theta Pi, co-founder and president of Underscore, a coed a cappella group, and a member of the National Society of Leaders. Outside of school and clubs, my interests include singing in multiple groups on campus, hanging out with friends, and taking long walks in the park while playing my ukulele. In *Standards of Behavior*, I play The Friend and Drunk Guy.”



Steven Laubenthal, who plays the role of Hearing Moderator, is a senior finance major from Chardon, Ohio. He spends much of his time writing and playing music when he isn't busy being a socialite. Known for his deep, clear voice, he was often told by teachers in grade school that he should do audiobooks. In the classroom, he can typically be found volunteering to read aloud important quotes and passages. He credits his reading and singing voices to his upbringing attending Mass every Sunday, eventually singing in the church choir or proclaiming the Word as a lector. Upon graduation, Steven plans to move back to the Cleveland area to start a career as a financial analyst for a private equity firm.



Ben McMillin plays the role of Billy Letterman. He is a junior studying mechanical engineering technology. He has been involved in theater and acting for most of his schooling.



Haley Rusnak: “I’m a freshman electrical engineering major in the Air Force ROTC program, a studio theater member, a Theta Phi sister, and a third-grade STEM literacy teacher at Kiser Elementary School. I’m from Christiansburg, Virginia, a small town between Virginia Tech and Radford University. I love nature, the outdoors, napping, milkshakes, coffee, acting, playing soccer, working out, and the mountains. In this podcast, I play Charlotte Michaels, a transfer student. Her best friend is Allison Jennings, and she would do absolutely anything for Allison. Charlotte has gone through quite a bit, is very intelligent, and parties when she can. I had never done voice acting before. This podcast has been really fun to rehearse and record, and I am so glad I got to take part in it with such an amazing cast and set of directors.”



David Schaffer is a junior computer engineering major playing the role of Jack Malvolio. This is his first time ever participating in a podcast. Playing Jack was an interesting challenge, as he says he is not at all like the character he portrays. David started acting in middle school as an orphan in *Oliver!*, then was inevitably sucked into the wild and wonderful world of theater in high school. He is on the executive board for UD's studio theater club and acts and directs as much as his time allows. When he's not on stage or behind a mic, David leads chants and drums for the UD soccer teams and tries to keep his place in the top 5 percent of Rocket League players worldwide.



Cecelia Smelko is in her first year at UD, earning a minor in theater. She has been singing, acting, and dancing for as long as she can remember. The role of Maggie/News Anchor is her first experience with vocal acting. She decided to audition for the podcast as a new and different experience that would get her out of her comfort zone and help her meet new people.



Emily Stainbrook is a graduate student in the English department, studying rhetoric and composition. She plays Dr. Seidel, 911 Operator, and Mechanical Voice. She does a lot of theater and musical events when she can; her biggest role to date was Heather Clark in *Gidion's Knot*, a one-act play by Johnna Adams. Emily also played Kirsten in a one-act opera called *Captain Lovelock* by John Duke; this required her to sing in 5/8, which she says is the hardest musical thing she's ever done. Science fiction is her favorite genre, followed closely by fantasy ("*GoT* is the bomb-dot-com," she says).



Leah Titlebaum is a senior in general studies. Although she has acting experience, this is her first time being part of a podcast. She plays the role of Sofi Perez. She thanks the cast and crew for the opportunity; she also thanks her family and friends for giving her such love and support.