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SHE KILLS MONSTERS

**YOUNG ADVENTURERS
EDITION**

BY QUI NGUYEN

Patrick F. Culler Performing Arts Center
October 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd at 7pm
October 22nd and 23rd at 2pm

2022



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

When last we left our adventurers... we had magic to do. Now, we do magic of another kind.

She Kills Monsters is a play that is just over 10 years old and has become a staple of the theatre community. This likely has to do with the fact that finding a person who does theatre or did theatre at a game of Dungeons and Dragons is a common occurrence. No doubt due to the fact, D&D shares many common activities with theatre: creating characters, making the best out of uncertain situations, and escaping to another world.

For the majority of the time that D&D has been a game, it's been viewed as nerdy due to the complexity of the system created and refined over the years, but only recently has it become more mainstream with its inclusion in *Stranger Things*, and the popularity of *Critical Role* and *Dimension20*. It contains, Fantasy, Magic, and battles and while that isn't everyone's cup of tea more and more people are embracing this nerdy game for the fun and community that it creates.

In this story our "Average" protagonist, Agnes Evens. Is faced with the grieving process on top of navigating, Dating, Friendships, and Social activities. She is searching for a connection to her sister who was very opposite to herself. As we tend to as humans we stick to the familiar and that leads to us not always going beyond our comfort zone. I dare to say at some point in each of our lives we have felt "weird." I believe this show illustrates that this so-called weirdness is what makes us unique. Just because it isn't something we understand doesn't negate its importance to another person. The list of things I don't understand is MUCH longer than the list of things I DO know. While I can't tell you the atomic weight of elements, or how to conjugate verbs in french, I have a bit of experience with both Theatre and Dungeons & Dragons, and regardless of if you do know about these things, I hope you can enjoy and appreciate this quest of growing up we present for you.

There is a simple truth, growing up is HARD. Everyone is awkward, and figuring out where we fit in the world is a trying experience. Even the most "average" people feel out of place. Navigating the social minefield of high school is treacherous on the best days and seemingly impossible on others. As we grow older it is easy to reflect on the past through the lens of nostalgia and forget sometimes the experience of major events without the benefit of hindsight. Understanding ourselves is one of the major questions we try to answer as we seek truth in the scope of the ever-changing societal norms. What each of us grew up with is defined in terms of generations and these benchmarks provide us with a collective understanding, but these things evolve over time. The thing of my mentors imparted the wisdom: "You never know what dragons someone is fighting."

So, IMAGINE IF YOU WILL...

~ Keith Traver

University High School Theatre Department

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CAST





	<i>DUNGEONS CAST</i> Oct. 19, 21 and 22 (7:00pm)	<i>DRAGONS CAST</i> Oct. 20, 22 (2:00pm) and 23
Agnes	Raina Grabowski	Chloe Christiansen
Tilly	Megan Griffin-Ferry	Emma Cutting
Chuck	Scott Mayers	Luke Villeneuve
Miles	Andrew Neely	Thomas Swonger
Lilith	Josie Pantoja	Tamara Garbutt
Vera	Norah Perfetto	Ivana Lopez
Steve	Andrew De La Torre	Yan Perez Acevedo
Narrators	Eliana Rosa Natasha Carpenter	Sarah Walker Kate Turner
Orcus	Ethan Crespo	Geovanni Montalvo
Kaliope	Elizabeth Rodriguez	Faith McFarland
Farrah	Victoria Killinger	Addie DeWaal
Monster	Tayshawn Walker	Tayshawn Walker
Cheer Captain Evil Tim	Landon Lewis	Landon Lewis
Cheerleaders Evil Gabbi Evil Gabe Evil Tina Evil Luke Evil Leia	Ella Turner Dominick Cline Sabrina Sefcik Robert Stage-Cooper Ava Quirindongo	Gabriella Maestre Edson Guerra-Guerrero Sabrina Sefcik Christopher Carroll Emily Vose



CREATIVE TEAM

Director	Keith Traver
Assistant Director.....	Alex Mendez
Technical Director.....	Rick Juergens
Costume Manager.....	Alex Mendez
Fight Choreographer.....	Taylor Jeffers
Intimacy Coach.....	Monica Tamberello
Cheer Consultant	Alessandra Lossing

CREW

Production Stage Manager.....	Christina Lettman
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Isabel Maghari, Dylan Fialo
Set Decorator.....	Lydia DeBaggis
Student Technical Director.....	Lydia Johnson
Set Crew /Running Crew.....	Mylka Rosado-Ortiz, Mahlee Southerland, Kaylie Tran, Melanie Madonna, Brianna Naraynsingh, Hannah Kifiew, Everett Hill, Jackie Leap, Amelie Alonso
Light Designer Operator.....	Joseph Rivera
Assistant Light Designer/Projections Designer.....	Javian Rodriguez
Head of Spots.....	Lindsey Nguyen
Spot Operators.....	Alondra Centeno, Sasha Marquez, Kayden Bogart, Melani Jimenez, Sophia Hackebeil
Sound Board Operator.....	Francesca Tran
Sound Crew.....	Micheal Quiros, AJ Morales, Jamarr Cole
Head of Costumes.....	Kendall Falana, Lauren Pizzaro
Costume Crew.....	Penny Lugo, Raphael Reyes, Samantha Roberts, Anna Rosado, Hannah Weimer, Brianni Whigham
Head of Props.....	Sofia Gabard-Rivera, Kaleigh Martin-Quisinberry
Prop Crew.....	Keyara Harris, Georgia Grace, Isabella Abalo, Henry Jace Lowell, Brianna Naraynsingh, Sean Kershllis, Slater Tran, Amelie Alonso, Jakyia Shakespeare, Sophia Hackabeil



Hello University High School family!

Thank you for joining us to be a part of our latest incredible theatre performance, “She Kills Monsters”! This show continues to push the boundaries of what our students and Staffulty are capable of and being able to select and perform shows that require this growth is necessary to help everyone involved be the best they can be. If the show itself wasn’t enough of a challenge, the cast and crew of “She Kills Monsters” prepared the amazing performance you are about to witness after losing 6 days of preparation to Hurricane Ian. Yet here we are, about to meet Agnes Evans as she discovers her sisters Dungeons and Dragons notebook during a time where Agnes needed that connection to her sister while each of us are coming out of a time where we needed and continue to need that connection to each other. And what better place to be after such a time then together, in our Performing Arts Center, united under our love of the arts and our love for those in our cast, crew, and classrooms. Thank you for being here and enjoy the show!

~ Thomas Ott

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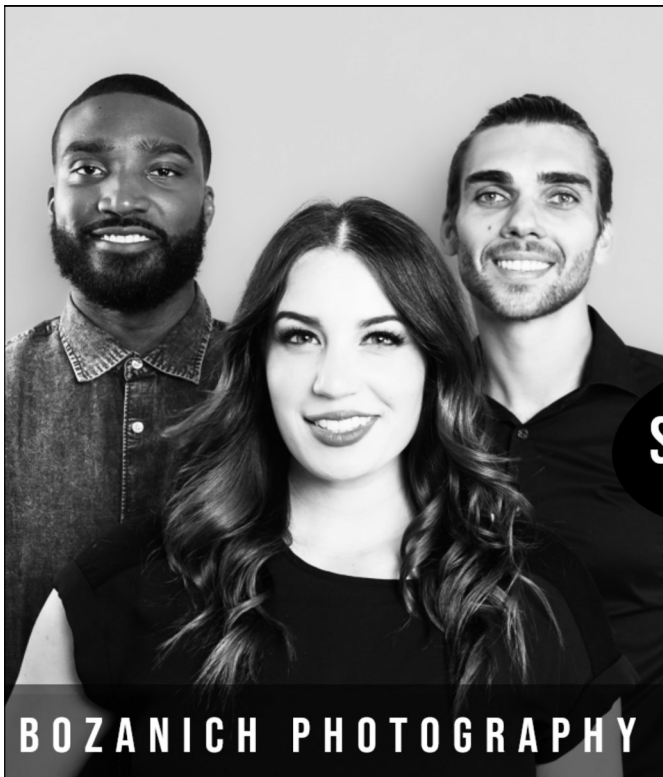
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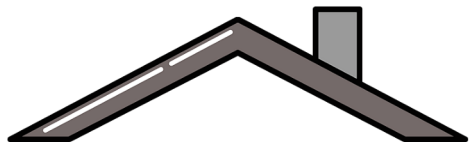
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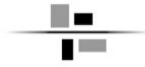
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