

Sparta High School Theatrics

presents

**LEAD RINGS
ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND**

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Director's Note —

Lead Rings on the Merry-Go-Round is a murder mystery within a murder mystery radio show. Can you figure out who the lead rings murderer is? They are right on stage with us! Watch for clues! Listen carefully! How observant are you?

In preparation for the show students watched radio shows like Remember WENN and A Prairie Home Companion-- especially the sound effects man. They also studied gangsters and how they talked. Our Network News anchors designed their own set. The cast has contributed so much of their creativity to make the show what it is. We hope you enjoy it!

Lead Rings on the Merry-Go-Round

Takes place in an old building on the 10th floor in a radio station.

It is the last radio show for the cast as their contracts have been canceled. (NOTE: a plastic toy gun is used at one point in the show)

The show will play through without intermission

Videotaping and flash photography are forbidden by the publishing company.

Cast of Characters

Thurs/Sat PM.

Fri/Sat Mat.

Lancelot Terrierre _____	Haley Pangborn	Justin Bradford
Elsinore _____	Kathryn Kober	Alanna Van Strien
Clark Dimaggio _____	John Hardwick	Cameron Yates
Clarence Rareshot _____	Taylor Marlatt	Cayden Oudbier
Pete _____	Michael King	Amber Landry
Repete _____	Addie Kingshott	Xochitl Martinez-Avendano
Milo Michelle _____	Ava Roberts	Claire TerBeek
Mick Musso _____	Erin Alster	Anabelle Kopenkoskey
Organa Creole _____	Skylar Bradford	Michelle Baltruczak
Virginia Floydoy _____	Aayla Enlow	Abigail Pindzia
Xavier Bushman _____	Allie Amlotte	Anna Van Wingen
Java Person _____	Brock Kukla	Logan Anderson
Network Announcer _____	Starlight Potter & William McFarland	

The Staff

Director _____	Mar Higgins
Producer _____	Jeff VanSyckle
Sound Director _____	Abigail Duff
Lighting Design _____	Kadie Howe & Meme Geysbeek
Sets _____	Connie Howe-Nelson & Scot Geysbeek
Music _____	Vanessa Ruffer

Erin Alster — Mick Musso



My name is Erin. I started doing theatre my freshman year and I love it! I would like to thank my family, the cast, Mrs. Higgins, and everyone involved who have made my experience amazing.

Allie Amlotte — Xavier Bushman



I am in 9th grade. I have been in many Sparta productions including Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid and many more. I am currently playing softball for Sparta. I played rugby in the fall. I like to stay busy and have as many hobbies at a time as I can.

Logan Anderson — Java Person



Logan is a sophomore in high school. He has been in previous performances, such as “The Thrilling Tale of the Three Musketeers”, along with “Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang. He would like to thank Mrs. Higgins for all the work she does to make this production possible.

Michelle Baltruczak — Organa Creole



Throughout my life, I have had the opportunity to be a part of 10 shows. I love dancing, drawing, and reading. I would like to thank Mrs. Higgins, my parents, and my friends for always supporting me in my many endeavors.

Justin Bradford — Lancelot Terrierre



I started doing theatre in 5th grade, and this will be my 13th show with Sparta. I have been involved in middle school, high school, and community plays as well as multiple plays at my church. I've enjoyed all the parts I have gotten to play and am super excited for the ones to come. I also enjoy running cross country, track, and doing marching band. And I know this will sound very standard but I really can't thank enough Mrs. Higgins, my parents, everyone involved in theatre that I am able to surround myself with.

Skylar Bradford — Organa Creole



I have been a part of drama for 9 years. I have acted in 7 shows and been on stage crew for 6. Some other thing I enjoy are dancing, reading, drawing, running, and music. I want to thank my friends and family for always supporting and encouraging me. I also want to thank all the people I've been in shows with. They have all been amazing and I hope they know the huge impact they had on me. Finally I want to thank my directors for giving me all these chances to be in shows. Thank you Sparta Theatre for all the memories!

Abigail Duff — Tech Crew



I have been doing theatre for many years, but for the first time in a while I decided to take the spring show off. I missed it too much... So I came back with a different role. :) I am ever thankful to Mrs. Higgins and Jeff for giving me the opportunity to work sound, and I'm thankful to my parents for driving me to rehearsals for yet another show.

Aayla Enlow — Virginia



I love hiking, purple pineapples, music and T. Swift. Each morning, I wake up and reflect on my reflection and work towards my goal of world denomination. Thanks to Mrs. Higgins and everyone who helped make this production possible!

John Hardwick — Clark Dimaggio



I have been in many other High School plays, and was the lead in Lucky Hudson before it was cancelled. Really excited for the show this year!

Michael King — Pete



I am in 10th grade and other than theatre, I enjoy running cross country and track. I started theatre in 9th grade and have been a part of 9 other shows both on stage and behind the curtain.

Addie Kingshott — RePete



I'm in 9th grade and I have been in eleven previous shows. I would like to thank Erin

Kathryn Kober — Elsinore



I am a freshman and enjoy running Cross Country, Track, and Underwater Basket Weaving. This will be my seventh show, I have done stage crew for several plays and musicals and been in a few productions as well. I would like to thank everyone who made this show come together, it's a small cast but we need a lot of behind-the-scenes participants for you to see the quality show we perform.

Anabelle Kopenkoskey — Mick Musso



So far, I have been in 5 different shows. I love to act, sing, and dance and doing theater makes me happy. I will continue to do more shows in the future and I can't wait to see what show we do next.

Brock Kukla — Java Boy



This is my 6th show that I have been able to have a part in and I am so glad that I have been gifted with these opportunities. I would like to thank all of my theatre friends because they were the ones who introduced me into this amazing community.

Amber Landry — Pete



Theater has made a big impact on my life. I have been doing theater since the 5th grade. In total, I have been in 9 shows including the student directed one acts both freshmen and sophomore years. Theater helped me socially especially. Ever since theater, I have been more open and less afraid to talk to bigger groups of people. Theater is also such a great environment to be involved with. I would like to thank the directors, Mr O and Mrs. Higgins for making the plays the best they can. Along with lighting crew and backstage crew to make the shows more alive and thrilling.

Taylor Marlatt — Clarence Rareshot



Ever since my first show in 7th grade, my love for acting has grown. It means a lot to me that my family and friends come and cheer me and my fellow actors on. I'd love to thank my mom, dad, grandma Eva, and brother for coming to every show. It's a bitter-sweet moment knowing that this is my last year of high school theatre but all of the memories each show brought me will always bring joy.

Xochitl Martinez-Avendano — RePete



I have been doing plays since I was in the 5th grade except for my freshman year of high school and I didn't get back to doing them till last year. I am a junior now and I'm very grateful that I've been given to opportunity to do the spring play once again because it's one of the few things I enjoy doing no matter what mood I'm in or what's going on in my personal life, and theatre has been a constant and has always been able to bring happiness back to me. I'm very grateful that my parents always pushed me and encouraged me to do what I love to do, and thankful to the Sparta theatre directors who have always been kind and helpful no matter what.

Will McFarlin — Network Announcer



This production marks the end of my second year in theatre in which I have been a part of every show so far for a total of 10 shows. Typically, I work behind the scenes running the sound and mics for each production. However, for this show I was encouraged to try out and I ended up getting the role of Network Announcer. I am excited to be on stage for the first time. Thank you to Mrs. Higgins for giving me a part and to everyone who encouraged me to try out

Cayden Oudbier — Clarence Rareshot



I'm in 10th grade and I love doing theatre. I have been doing theatre my whole life and I really enjoy it. Outside of school I also enjoy running Cross country and track. I would like to thank my parents and my friends for supporting me and doing shows with me.

Haley Pangborn — Lance Terrierre



I have been part of theatre at Sparta for 8 years. I have acted in 8 shows and been backstage for 8. Outside of theatre, I play volleyball and run track. Theatre has been such a huge part of my life, and I can't believe this is my last show. I would like to thank Mrs. Higgins and Mr. O for giving me the opportunity to do what I love for all of these years, my family and friends for always supporting me while I do it, and the rest of the cast for making this such a great experience.

Abigail Pindzia — Virginia Floydoy



Theatre has been such an honor to be a part of. I cannot imagine what my middle and high school years would have been like without it! I want to thank my family for always supporting me and Mr. O and Mrs. Higgins for making theatre the highlight of my fall and spring.

Starlight Potter — Network Announcer



Theater has always been a great thing that I have been apart of, a reason to get out of the house, being apart of something bigger than myself, and just doing something that makes me happy. My favorite thing about theater is community and people. Ive made so many friends through theater its unreal. So thank you to my theater friends, they are the ones who make theater worth it.

Ava Roberts — Milo Michelle



I'd like to thank my friends for giving me the confidence to tryout and my family encouraging me along the way.

Claire TerBeek — Milo Michelle



I've been doing acting and short plays at my church since I was seven. I started participating in theatre in sixth grade, since then I've acted in three plays. I would like to thank my Mom and Dad, my sisters and my brother for always supporting me.

Alanna VanStrien — Elsinore



I am in 9th grade. I play the piano. I always follow the advice, "Don't ever, for any reason, do anything to anyone for any reason ever, no matter what, no matter where, or who, or who you are with, or where you are going, or where you've been... ever, for any reason whatsoever..." (Michael Scott). I think you should as well. Thank you. A special thank you also to the spectacular director, Mrs. Higgins. Also to my ride or die, Amanda VanStrien who I know is reading this right now and rolling her eyes. I love you. One last thank you to my dad who always showed up to practice to pick me up and waited for me for about a half hour because I told him the wrong time. I love you. One last thank you to you, for coming to support Sparta Theatre.

Anna VanWingen — Xavier Bushman



I am currently a junior and I'd like to thank my parents for always supporting me and helping me with getting to where I am now.

Cameron Yates — Clark Dimaggio



Over the years, theatre has really brought me out of my comfort zone and increased my confidence. I enjoy challenging myself by playing different characters with different personalities. I would like to thank friends and family for continuing to encourage and support me.

Dramatic Thanks to:

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- Ted Smith and his class for making our banner
- Track coaches for working with us to assure students were able to perform.
- Jim Walsh for letting us borrow sound effects instruments.
- The administration for supporting our theatre program

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