

THE BAD SEED

By Maxwell Anderson
Adapted from
William March's Novel



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Principal's Message



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Welcome parents, family, friends, and our excited audience! On behalf of Bev Facey Community school, I want to thank each of you for attending what will be an amazing performance and for supporting our hard-working ultra-talented cast of students. They have shown passion, commitment, and loyalty to one another all through the journey of preparing for these productions. In doing so they truly have represented the very best of what it means to be a

Bev Facey Falcon. It has been my pleasure over the last few months to see firsthand the intense work and awesome results that our students have been able to achieve, and now tonight they will get to share that with all of you on the stage!

It has been truly inspiring to see our cast rally around each other and along with the excellent guidance of our drama staff they have created an optimal environment for each of them to take risks and excel in their individual and group performances. Each of our students have worked long hours and have all taken turns at leading one another to continually raise the bar in these productions. The entire cast's commitment and passion is a testament to the fantastic artistic learning environment that we support and benefit from within the Bev Facey community.

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The *Bad Seed* is a challenging choice of play for our drama students – a horror-thriller focusing on the psychopathic actions of a young child. Based on the highly successful novel of the same name by William March, *The Bad Seed* provides our cast the opportunity to explore the truly dark side of human nature, and demonstrates how family lives can be tragically altered by evil. This is powerful fiction, and our students present the intense story with great skill.

Your ongoing support of the Bev Facey Performing and Creative Arts program is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your patronage and on being the positive catalyst in the audience for all our students—now, please sit back, clear your thoughts, and let our cast transport you to someplace special!

Ken Wlos
Principal

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Director's Notes

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It has been a dream of mine to direct a psychological thriller for as long as I can remember and this wonderful show has finally allowed me to do just that. I read *The Bad Seed* and I knew instantly that I wanted to see it come to life. I love the powerful characters and the study of human behavior that this play allows us all to look at.

The scene is a small southern town where Colonel and Christine Penmark live with their daughter, Rhoda. Little Rhoda Penmark is the evil queen of the story. On the surface she is sweet, charming, full of old-fashioned graces, loved by her parents, admired by all her elders. But Rhoda's mother has an uneasy feeling about her. When one of Rhoda's schoolmates is mysteriously drowned at a picnic, Mrs. Penmark is alarmed. For the boy who was drowned was the one who had won the penmanship medal that Rhoda felt she deserved.



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What an enormous undertaking this show has been! This cast has been faced with capturing the intensity, despair and emotional depth of characters faced with remarkable challenges and obstacles. They have tackled this job with a commitment and enthusiasm that belies their years. What a pleasure it has been to work with these outstanding young actors! I am so proud of each and every one of them.

I can't begin to tell you what a labour of love this show has been for me. I finally got to direct a genre that I have loved for a very long time. The best thing is that I got to do it with a wonderful and talented cast. Thank you to my cast for making a commitment and sticking to it, and thank you to the audience for coming to see my dream come true!

Larry Frank
Director

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Cast

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Rhoda Penmark

Kenneth Penmark

Christine Penmark

Monica Breedlove

Emory Wages

Lenore

Miss Fern

Regina Tasker

Mrs. Daigle

Mr. Daigle

Rachel Bravo

Messenger

Director

Reagan Smith

Adrian Peckham

Elijah Bensen

Marley Schmidt

Paige Hafner

Camryn Healy

Jayda Gonie

Hannah Pewarchuk

Katelyn Davidson

Renee Warner

Emma Firmaniuk

Nova Antoniuk

Allure Little

Elizabeth Kyle

Jaycee Wood

Sydney Moore

Aijha Meynen

Miya Gill

Laci Olsen

Quinlyn Braun

Larry Frank

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Nova Antoniuk

Miss Claudia Fern (cast A)

This is Nova's first show at Bev Facey; she is so excited for you to watch this amazing show! When she's not trying to memorize lines, she'll most likely be napping or drawing. She is so proud of this whole cast and hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

Cast Bios



Elijah Bensen

Kenneth Penmark

Elijah is super-excited to be acting as Kenneth in the play *The Bad Seed*. This is the third play he's ever been in. You may remember him as Principal Guffman in *The Brothers Grimm: Out of Order* and Peter Pan's father in *The Lost Boy*. "I hope you enjoy the play as much as I do!"



Quinlyn X. Braun

Messenger

Quin is a fan of filmmaking and has worked on small indie films doing soundtracks, voice acting and backstage works such as props and lighting. *The Bad Seed* is Quin's second drama show, and he hopes to be in many more along the way.



Katelyn Davidson

Emory Wages (cast B)

This is Katelyn's first drama play, and she is so excited to work with all the amazing people in her drama class! Katelyn is a big horror fan, who likes spending time with her family. She is an animal lover, with a beta fish at home named Zoe. Katelyn loves to read and write different novels, and loves to play Dungeons and Dragons. She loves visiting Pincher Creek to visit her grandparents, and see the incredible view.



Emma Firmaniuk

Lenore (cast B)

This is Emma. This is her second show at Bev Facey and she is very excited to be playing the role of Lenore. You may have seen her previously in *The Brothers Grimm: Out of Order*. Outside of performing arts she likes to hang out with her friends. Emma also likes teching as many drama shows as she can.



Miya Gill

Rachel Bravo (cast A)

This is Miya's first show at Facey and she is thrilled to work with such a great cast for her first year. Miya is extremely excited to play Rachel Bravo. She would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to be her best self and the cast for being so supportive. She hopes you enjoy the show and have a great rest of your night!



Jayda Gonie

Monica Breedlove (cast B)

Jayda is in grade eleven and is absolutely thrilled to be apart of such a hardworking cast! You may have noticed her in the background of *Grease* last year as an ensemble member. In her free time, she enjoys singing, playing piano, and performing with her band. Jayda is also a lover of all things literature, especially poetry and Shakespeare, her favourites being *The City in the Sea* by Edgar Allen Poe and *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoys performing it!



Paige Hafner

Christine Penmark (cast B)

Paige is thrilled to be a part of another Bev Facey production. This is Paige's sixth show, and her favourite role. You may recognize her as Frenchy in *Grease* and Maureen in *The Lost Boy*. Although Paige enjoys acting in shows, she also spends her time writing, playing bass guitar, and drawing. Paige and the cast hope you enjoy the hard work put into the show!



Camryn Healy

Monica Breedlove (cast A)

This is Camryn's fourth show at Bev Facey. You may have seen her as Cinderella in *Cinderella Bigfoot*. You can look forward to seeing her as Belle in *A Christmas Carol* this December. She is very excited for you all to see this show and hopes you enjoy it! Camryn would like to give a big shout out to her cast for their hard work and dedication to this show.



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Elizabeth Kyle

Regina Tasker (cast A)

This is Elizabeth's sixth Facey show. You may have seen her as Tinker bell in last year's production of *The Lost Boy* or as Joannie Casino in last year's hit musical, *Grease*. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys drawing, reading, and listening to music. Elizabeth would like to thank her family for their constant support. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Allure Little

Miss Fern (cast B)

Allure is thrilled to be apart of this experience. She's in the eleventh grade and this is her fourth show at Bev Facey. You may have seen her as Cindy in *The Brothers Grimm: Out of Order* and also as Mary Ansell in *The Lost Boy*, but she was also in last year's hit musical *Grease!* In two weeks she will also be performing in *A Christmas Carol* and she can't wait to see you there! Allure is so excited for you to watch the show!



Aijha Meynen

Mr. Daigle (cast B)

Aijha is playing Mr. Daigle in her first ever drama play! She is an excited senior who can't wait to be on stage. In her spare time she is extremely sports-motivated and loves to ski in the winter time. She has an adorable dog named Artemis. Aijha absolutely loves to read and has probably one too many books in her room. She wants to be able to go to Japan to experience their culture and art. She hopes you enjoy this play and can't wait to bring a smile to your face.



Sidney Moore

Mrs. Daigle

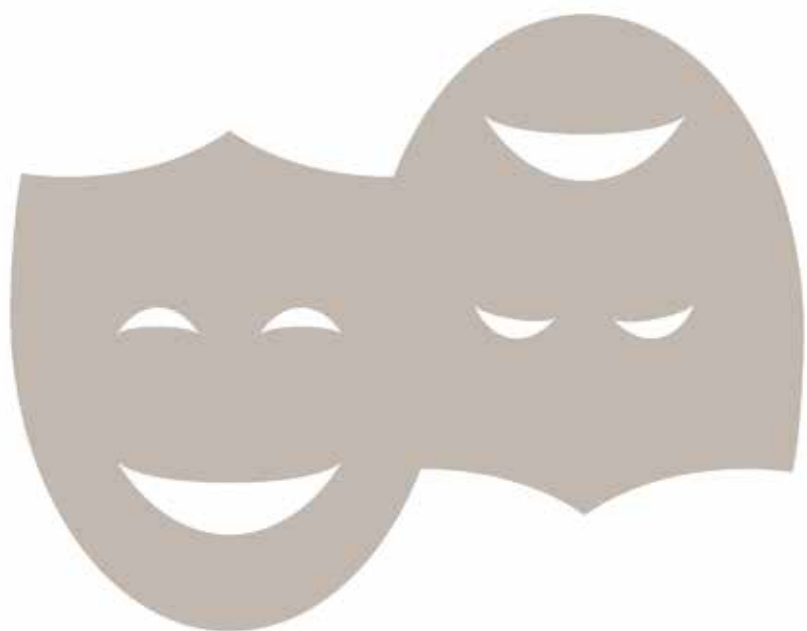
As a grade twelve student, this is Sidney's third and final drama show. They have truly come out of their shell over the three years they have been here, and every show has been more enjoyable than the last. There's so much more that Sidney has achieved this year than the last, and they are ready to take the next step in life. They are planning on going to an art school to pursue their long-lasting dream of working in animation. Creativity has always been Sidney's drive for passion, no matter what kind of creativity it is. It has been an uphill climb, from Ms. Henderson the IRS agent in *You Can't Take it With You*, to Captain Hook in *The Lost Boy*. But now, they are ready to take this role on with all of their heart. A heart that has grown from the friendships around them. Sidney loves every single cast member, and wish the absolute best for them. They love their parents, who have done nothing but support their drive for creativity. They love theatre, and saying all of that, they hope you enjoy the show!



Laci Olsen

Rachel Bravo (cast B)

This is Laci's first show at Facey, but she has a passion and a history with drama and performing arts. Some of the shows she's participated in include *Grease*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Laci is so excited to be performing at Facey for her senior year, and hopes you enjoy the show!



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Adrian Peckham

Rhoda Penmark (cast B)

Adrian is beyond excited to be playing Rhoda Penmark in Bev Facey's production of *The Bad Seed*. You may have seen Adrian as Pharoah in Facey's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, or Sandy in Facey's *Grease*. Aside from Musical Theatre Adrian spends her time writing music and playing the guitar, and much like Rhoda, obsessing over her school work. Don't be fooled by Adrian's lively character, for even the sweetest smiles can hide the darkest secrets! "Enjoy!"



Hannah Pewarchuk

Emory Wages (cast A)

This is Hannah's first play at Bev Facey. In her spare time she spray paints. She loves spending time out with friends, and loves helping out in the drama room. Hannah loves cooking in Culinary class and for her family. She has been a cheerleader going on four years and a gymnast for nine years before that. When she is not at the gym or in the drama room, she is spending time with her family. She enjoys going to the Rocky Mountains of Alberta each year to visit her grandpa, and to see the amazing view. She is so excited for this play. "Hope you have a great time watching!"



Marley Schmidt

Christine Penmark (cast A)

Marley is a grade twelve student, and this is her twelfth show with Bev Facey performing arts. She has been a technician on three of those shows; however, you may recognize her as Clara from *To See the Stars* or Patty Simcox from *Grease*. Marley would like to apologize to Camryn and Reagan for hitting them, and thank them for their patience!!



Reagan Smith

Rhoda Penmark (cast B)

This is Reagan's fourth show at Facey; you may recognize her as Ruth from *To See The Stars* or as Joe from *Funtown*. She would like to thank Adrian for being such a great double cast. Reagan is so excited to be a part of *The Bad Seed* and hopes you enjoy the show!



Renee Warner

Lenore (cast A)

Renee is a grade twelve student and she's very excited to be playing the role of Lenore. *The Bad Seed* is her fourth show here at Bev Facey and this is her biggest role. You may have seen Renee in the past in *You Can't Take it With You*, *The Lost Boy*, and *Grease*. You can also catch her in next semester's *Mamma Mia*. When she's not on stage Renee likes to cook and bake and spend time with her family and friends.



Jaycee Wood

Regina Tasker (cast B)

Jaycee is so excited to be having this experience with everyone else in this class. This is her first drama performance at Bev Facey, but you might have seen her shaking at the high school hop in *Grease* last year. Outside of the theatre room you can find Jaycee in the art room working on many projects to keep her busy. Jaycee is really proud of this play and hopes you enjoy the show!

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Facey Fine Arts Team



Mhairi Berg

Music and Musical Theatre Director

Mhairi is a multi-faceted artist who has enjoyed a successful career as both a performer and educator within music and theatre. Mhairi holds an MA in Music Theatre Performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. She is a Sterling Award Winner for her original score composition for *Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play*. She is also an award-winning improviser, having toured internationally. Mhairi works professionally as a vocal coach, director, theatre educator, choreographer and musical director. She has been a theatre educator for Theatre Alberta's Artstrek, the Foote Theatre School, Grindstone Theatre, as well as many schools across Alberta. Mhairi recently debuted her new musical, *Morningside Road*, at the Edmonton International Fringe Festival.

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Larry Frank

Director/Fine Arts Coordinator

Larry Frank is a dynamic and multi-talented teacher and director. His eclectic tastes range from the arts to sports, and he equally loves both. Larry has enjoyed acting since the age of eight, and fell in love with the director's craft while studying at the University of Alberta. He takes great pride in the over two hundred shows he has directed, including *West Side Story*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Annie*, *Les Misérables*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Dead Man Walking* and *A Tale of Two Cities*. In his spare time, Larry enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife, Lianne, and his two energetic boys, Carter, who is nineteen years old and Cooper, who is sixteen. Larry would like to thank his wife and sons for making him laugh every day, and for making every day extra special!

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Special Thanks

The *Bad Seed* was made successful through the effort and dedication of many people. We are particularly grateful to the cast, crew and their families for making a commitment to our program and sticking with it. We are also grateful to the Bev Facey Administration for their continuing support of the performing arts.

Our shows couldn't run without technical assistance and we have some of the best help around! Special thanks to the best technical theatre class ever and the tech guru himself, Mr. Gerry Enns for his ongoing support and expertise! We would also like to thank Lola Davies for her fantastic work designing and creating costumes for this show.

Leaning on people with organizational and computer skills makes part of our job quite easy. Thanks go to Art Packer at Newton Graphics for his work in designing and publishing our programs and posters for the entire season and to Kim Seibt for her tech wizardry with programs and basically everything! Also thanks to Kirk and Trudy Harrod at Focalpoint Photography for the outstanding work they do photographing our students and videotaping our shows. For this show, we are grateful to Sophie Wright for her excellent results with our student headshots. And a massive thank you to Salisbury Drama department for all their help with costumes, props and set pieces!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting the Arts and to all our wonderful volunteers who support us every day! Finally, to our audience – your support and appreciation keep all of us going and we are grateful for both. We hope to see everyone back in December for our production of Charles Dickens' immortal story of *A Christmas Carol*.

Larry Frank

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A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens
Adapted by Romulus Linney
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Mamma Mia!

Music and lyrics by
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and Björn Ulvaeus
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