

POBJFKHS Thespians Find Success in a ‘Play That Goes Wrong’ *Students Entertain, Provide Laughs in Stage Production about a Drama Show Gone Awry*

PLAINVIEW, NEW YORK (November 2023)—This November, Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School’s (POBJFKHS) Drama Cadets put on a successful fall production of *The Play That Goes Wrong*. The students introduced a healthy dose of irony, as well as laughs, with their choice of a play, which chronicles the efforts of a ramshackle stage troupe and a performance that goes awry.

The POBJFK thespians portrayed actors of the Cornely Drama Society on the opening night of their new play, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*. In this play within a play, things quickly go from bad to catastrophic. The fumbling actors contend with faulty props, an unpredictable set and unexpected circumstances. For three nights, laughter echoed throughout the POBJFKHS auditorium as two ensemble casts showcased their amazing talent, impeccable comic timing and contagious energy onstage.

Seniors Allison Biren, SK Cullen, Amanda Fabiano, Xavier Lajara, Steven Greenberg, Noam Ninyo, Annika Raj and Jamie Radisch were among the 36 cast members who contributed to this show’s success. Under the direction of Kimberly Muller and Leigh Olivari, the students brought the hilarious production to life. The behind-the-scenes stage crew and student directors played a pivotal role in creating an atmosphere of controlled chaos and comedic excellence. Dustin Bartley’s brilliant set design was also crucial to the show’s success.

With its fall production a success, the troupe is now already in rehearsals for its spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*.

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Callie Lepselter, from left, Alex Zweback (face down), Daniel Karp, SK Cullen, Amanda Fabiano and Gabrielle Jospa.



Noam Ninyo, from left, Allison Biren, Annika Raj, Xavier Lajara and Steven Greenberg.