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Jefferson Township High School Presents: *The Drowsy Chaperone*

March 13, 2023 – JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, NJ – Jefferson Township High School will be presenting *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is an endearing parody of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.

April Manasia plays the woman in a chair who appears on stage and puts on her favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and *The Drowsy Chaperone* begins as the woman in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers (played by Danny Duda and Kaitlyn Majury) on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man (Christopher Dunn), a desperate theater producer (Michael Gopon), a wanna-be star (Avery Riegel), a not-so-bright hostess (Layla Stanziale), a regal butler (Hunter Gabowsky), two gangsters posing as pastry chefs (Elizabeth O’Shea and Maia Alick), a misguided Don Juan (Nathaniel Maniago), an aviatrix (Jocelyn Sawicki), and a sleepy chaperone (Katelynn Peterson), and you have the ingredients for an evening of hilarity and delight!

The cast also includes Ameilia Castro, Adam Christie, Kayleigh Edson, Gwendolyn Kosciolek, Madison Mathews, Samantha Orna, Nicholas Roberts, Frederick Stuck and Sneha Thyagarajan. English teacher Cassie Ives is directing the play with music teacher Chad Flynn as musical director. Fiona Bishop is the student choreographer and Kalli Grlica is the student director.

Mrs. Ives is enjoying her role as director; "I am thrilled to be directing *The Drowsy Chaperone* here at Jefferson! Rehearsals have been a blast and the kids have been bringing such great energy and enthusiasm to it. Between big ensemble numbers, show-stopping songs, spit takes, roller skating, and tap dance breaks, there's something for everyone!"

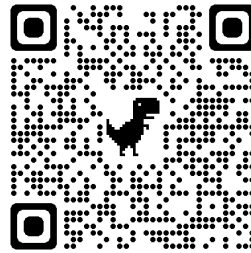
The musical will run the weekend of March 24th through 26th. The performances will be at 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and at 2:00 pm on Sunday. People can order their tickets in advance through the website: <https://jefftwphs.booktix.com/view/3/529b6bed980d2bca/>

Prices are - Adults:

- Presale - \$12
- At the door - \$15

Students/Children/Seniors:

- Presale - \$10
- At the door - \$12



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