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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont High School Presents “Noises Off”

Mariemont High School is poised to make some noise with its fall play, NOISES OFF! Michael Frayn's farce-within-a-farce, NOISES OFF, has been staged regularly across the globe since its 1982 premier. While standing in the wings and rehearsing another comedy of his, Frayn noticed that the confusion backstage was funnier than the show he had written, and NOISES OFF was born.

The show opens during an eleventh hour rehearsal of *Nothing On* directed by Lloyd Dallas (Wes Carman), a comedy of mistaken identities and slamming doors, and the cast is barely able to stumble through without stopping. We're introduced to the actors, which include the inarticulate Garry LeJeune (Braxton Stricker), the aging Dotty Otley (Sarah Sylvest), and the earnest but terribly stupid Frederick Fellowes (Taylor Bailey). To reveal the backstage to the audience, the massive two story set (complete with eight doors and three staircases) rotates 180 degrees during each intermission, a spectacular feat earning it the title of "the tenth cast member."

Other cast members in the Mariemont High School production are Kelsie Rutherford as Brooke Ashton; Jonathan Dietz as Selsdon; Chelsea Weaver as Poppy Norton-Taylor; Peter Laug as Tim Allgood; and Lizzie Deadrick as Belinda Blair. The play is directed by MHS alum Sean Cameron.

Performances will take place on **November 19 & 20 at 7:30pm and November 21 at 2pm** in the Mariemont High School Auditorium, 3812 Pocahontas. **Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and may be purchased at the Box Office on Nov 15 & 16 from 5-7pm or by calling 561-7039.**

A fast-paced "festival of delirium", NOISES OFF will have the audience aching from laughter and begging for more by the time it's all over.



Photo: Cast members of Mariemont High School's production of NOISES OFF are: back - Sarah Sylvest, Kelsie Rutherford, Wes Carman, Taylor Bailey; middle - Jonathan Dietz, Katie Arends (stage manager), Chelsea Weaver, Lizzie Deadrick; front - Peter Laug. (Not pictured – Braxton Stricker.)