

# SHOWBILL

The Emerson Theatre  
at The Downey Theater



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# *The Dining Room*



*By A.R. Gurney*

*Emerson Theatre*

*April 2008*

*Annual*

*Student Directed*

*Night  
of  
One-Act Plays*

*June 2008*

# Emerson Theatre

The Emerson Theatre  
in cooperation with The Downey Theater  
Present

## THE BAD SEED

By  
Maxwell Anderson  
Based on the novel by William March

### Starring

Krystal Lara  
Lauren Casas  
Vanessa Gonzalez  
Gilbert Lozano

Josh Perez  
Steven Julien  
Silvia Geboiu  
Phillip Allhands

Alaina Henderson  
Lauren Terrazas  
William Assibey  
Elena Alonso

*Production Stage Manager*  
*Thomas Castor*

**Set Design**  
Kyle Deichman

**Costumes**  
M. Moode

**Sound Design**  
Chris Flores

**Program Design**  
Martin Deichman

**Artistic Consultant**  
Joshua James

**Makeup Design**  
Laticia Gaeta

**Prop Crew**  
Jesse Salcido  
Jackie Gonzalez  
Elena Alonso

**Hair Design**  
Samantha Shepard  
Rosalinda Diaz

**Set Construction**  
Phlox Posse Designs

**Directed**  
**By**  
**Kyle Deichman**

**Cover artwork by Maya Kulenovic**  
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**Opening Night January 16<sup>th</sup> 2007**

# Cast Photos



Lauren Terrazas



Alaina Henderson



Phillip Allhands



Vanessa Gonzalez



William Assibey



Elena Alonso



Lauren Casas



Gilbert Lozano



Krystal Lara



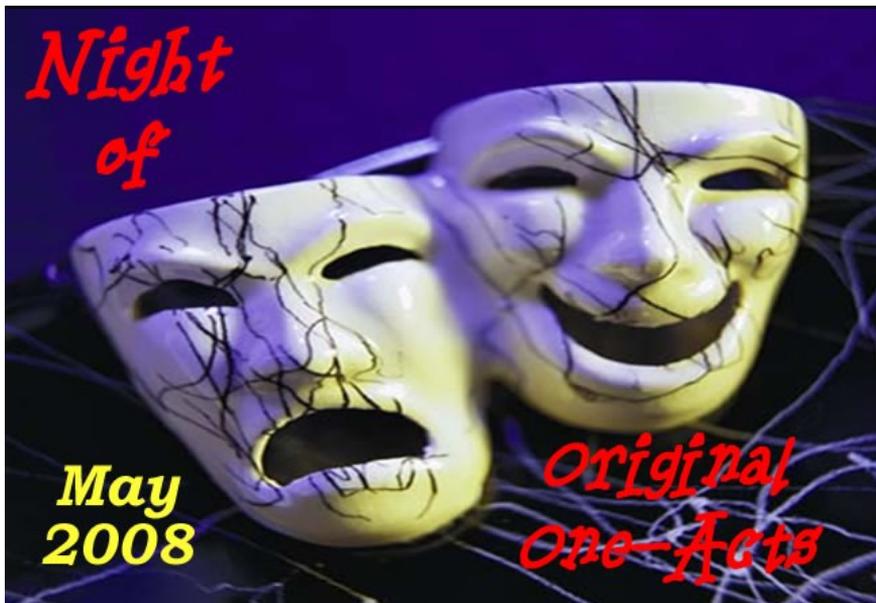
Sylvia Geboiu



Josh Perez



Steven Julian



THE BAD SEED was first presented in New York City on December 8, 1954, at the Forty-six Street Theater. It was directed by Reginald Denham, and the setting and lighting were designed by George Jenkins.

### *Dramatis Persona*

Kenneth Penmark.....	Josh Perez
Rhoda Penmark.....	Alaina Henderson
Christine Penmark.....	Krystal Lara
Monica Breedlove.....	Lauren Casas
Esmeralda.....	Silvia Geboiu
Leroy.....	Steven Julien
Reginald Tasker.....	William Assibey
Mrs. Fern.....	Vanessa Gonzalez
Mrs. Daigle.....	Lauren Terrazas
Mr. Daigle.....	Phillip Allhands
Radio Announcer.....	Josh Perez
Richard Bravo.....	Gilbert Lozano
Messenger.....	Elena Alonso

## Scene

The apartment of Col. and Mrs. Penmark, in the suburb of a Southern city.

### ACT I

Scene 1: Early morning. A day in early June.  
Scene 2: 2:30 P.M., the same day  
Scene 3: Evening, the same day  
Scene 4: Mid-morning, a few days later.

### ACT II

Scene 1: Late afternoon, the next day.  
Scene 2: After breakfast, the next morning.  
Scene 3: After dinner, the same day.  
Scene 4: A few days later.

**There will be one 15 minute intermission between acts.**

**As a reminder, please turn off all cell phones and pagers. Also there is no food or drink in the theatre. Due to the intimate nature of our productions, there is no late admittance into the theater.**

**Please unwrap all cellophane candy before the production begins.**

**The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, either with or without a flash, is strictly prohibited.**

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# Who's Who In The Cast

**Josh Perez** (Kenneth Penmark) Emerson Theatre: (Mr. James Schroeder) original cast *Above the Bitter Café*, (Ross Bain) *Bright Ideas*, (Helicopter Pilot) *Wonder of the World*. Josh is a senior at Warren High and is planning to study Biological Sciences at a UC. I hope everyone has a great time watching the show.

**Alaina Henderson** (Rhoda) is a senior at Warren High School and she has been in the drama department for four years now. She is also the varsity cheer captain as well as a student leader in her youth group. Credits include: (Cass) *Wonder of the World*, (Lynzie, Mrs. Malcom) *Bright Ideas*, (Dora) *Fumed Oak*, and (Sarah) *Vulken Mix Up*. I would like to thank my best friends for running lines with me and supporting me. Also to last years Drama Alumni, you guys always pushed me to improve and kept me in line. We miss you! Lastly, I would like to thank my family. I would be nowhere without your constant encouragement. I love you!

**Krystal Lara** (Christine Penmark) *Bright Ideas* (Mrs. Mentieth, Miss Labrador), *Wonder of the World* (Karla), Improv Troupe (Ultimate Improv-High School League). Krystal enjoys studying psychology and plans to major in it in college with hopes of becoming a psychologist. I would like to thank my supportive family, friends, and special friend – You know who you are. {insert something clever here}

**Lauren Casas** (Monica Breedlove) has been in the Warren Drama Department for four years now. Regional credits include: (Cale, Mrs. Caithness) *Bright Ideas*, *Bananas*, *Mountainside Reunion*, *Hotline*, and *North of Pelican Rapids*. I would like to thank my family for supporting me these past four years, my friends for coming to see me tonight, and Mr. Elsasser and Mr. Deichman for believing in me and casting me in their plays. To the cast, you are like my family and I love you all!

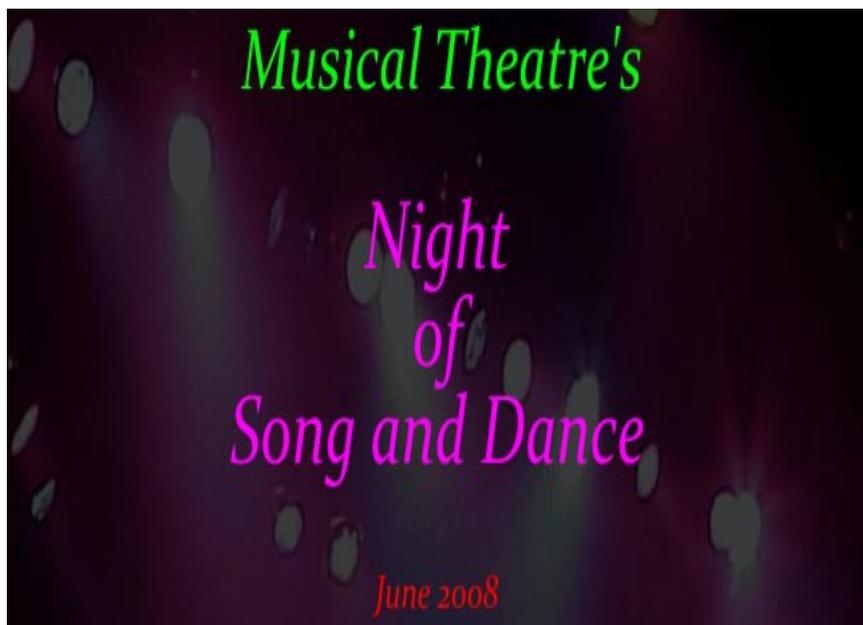
**Silvia Geboiu** (Esmeralda) is a senior at Warren High School, and is hoping to pursue an Astronomy degree at a UC and be involved with drama in her spare time. Regional credits include: (Marianne) *The Miser*, Improv Olympic West a mini Harold, improv play, with my team, the Whoa Bundies. I am so excited to act my first role in a high school play! Thank you to all my friends and family for your love and support!

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**Lauren Terrazas** (Mrs. Daigle) is a senior at Warren High School. With soccer and honors classes, she still finds time to indulge herself in theatre. She plans to attend a UC or private college next year and major in theatre arts with hopes of becoming very successful in that field. She was seen in last year's production of *Wonder of the World* in the role of Cass. Other credits include *Above the Bitter Cafe* (Mrs. Whitfield) as well as (Geneva) *Bright Ideas*; all were performed at the Emerson Theatre. Thanks to my family for all of their support and attending my productions. To my friends, thanks for always being their and praising my performances.

**Vanessa Gonzalez** (Miss Fern) *Wonder of the World* (Jamie), *The Odd Couple* (Olive, The Long Beach City College Film Festival). There are so many special people in my life I would like to give thanks to. First, I would like to thank my mother. She is my support, my hero, my everything. I would like to thank Gabriel for always boosting my self esteem. Also, thanks to my brother Alex, who always tells me I suck. I know he's trying to push me to work harder and to motivate me to prove him wrong. Mr. Elsasser, I really appreciate the opportunity you gave my last year to be part of the cast of *Wonder of the World*. You discovered in me a talent I didn't know I had. Mr. Deichman, thank you for all your patience and dedication. To the Drama IV class, you guys make Drama the best period of the day. Everyday is full of laughter! Lastly, I shout out to my best friend Crystal, to Tommy and to all my friends who always support me and help me with my lines.





**By Ken Ludwig**

*May 2008*

*Emerson Theatre*

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## **Who's Who In The Cast**

**Stevie Julien** (Leroy) EMERSON THEATER: *Above the Bitter Cafe* (Tom Orton, Original Cast), *Bright Ideas* (Mr. Scott, Airline Steward), *Wonder of the World* (Vampire Waiter). IMPROV: Ultimate Improv (High School League). Stevie enjoys the artsy things in life. Although acting is first and foremost his ultimate goal and passion, he also finds pleasure in photography and fashion. His hopes of acting fame will remain, even as he looks to major in business and minor in fashion design in college. There are plenty of people he'd like to thank for being there for him. Thanks, to my best friends, the Lara family, my Aunt Penny and family friend Denise. Thank you to my director, Mr. Deichman for going beyond the call of duty as a teacher. Above all, I thank my parents, Connie and Steven, to allow me to remain in California, in order to do this play and pursue my dream of fame, without them, I would be nothing.

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**William B. Assibey Jr** (Reginald Tasker) William is pleased to make his acting debut in *The Bad Seed*. Other credits include: (Benvolio) *Romeo and Juliet*, (Miser's Son) *The Miser*. With cross-country and track and field in his life drama remains one of his favorite school activities. I want to give a big thanks to my older brother Julian. Even though he missed a lot of my performances, he kept telling me to press on with it. I hope to attend Northern Arizona University and major in Astronomy. Special thanks to Mr. E and Mr. D for mentoring me.

**Gilbert Lozano** (Richard Bravo) has performed throughout Downey proper. Credits include: (Dr. Zubritsky) *Fools*, (Alfredo the Chef) *Above the Biter Cafe* original cast, (Ross Bane) *Bright Ideas*, (Kip Harris) *Wonder of the World*. It has been an honor performing for the Warren High Drama Department. I can't believe this is the final year. I hope to go on to college and major in Theatre Arts. I would like to thank my mom, dad, and the rest of my family who always came to my productions. Thank you for your love and support.

**Phillip Allhands** (Mr. Daigle)

**Elena Alonso** (The Messenger, Prop Crew)

**Thomas Castor** (Stage Manager) first studied drama under Mrs. Courtney, a great musical singer and later under the tutelage of Mr. Elsasser. I am glad to be a part of this production of *The Bad Seed*. I wouldn't be able to do it without the help of the entire cast and crew of the show. Special thanks to Vanessa, Stevie Jay, Lauren T., Gilbert Lozano, both Alainas, Silvia, and the rest.

## Concession Staff / Ushers

Luis Grajeda  
Helen Arevalo  
Josie Garcia

## Hair and Makeup

Rosalinda Diaz  
Samantha Shepherd

## Box Office

Stephanie Garibay

# Director's Notes

Can a person be born inherently evil? William March toys around with this idea in his classic novel *The Bad Seed*. This novel became the source material for William March's play adaptation. While the play is over forty years old and some would argue displays its threads of age, Rhoda, the iconic little girl with blond hair, pigtails, and crimson smile has come to represent the most famous female murderer of all time. Even those who are unaware of the play have heard somewhere or someplace of Rhoda. With certain mental illnesses discovered to be hereditary, this play remains topical as well as controversial.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to our first production of the year. Over the last few weeks, the world has been turned upside down due to the sudden change of production space. Due to an extended construction schedule, our theater will be unavailable until April 2008 so our department found itself void of a venue. One can imagine the additional stress this has placed on the actors. With a sudden stroke of luck, an alternate venue was located, and what a venue it is! The move to the Downey Theatre marks a first ever event in the history of Warren High Drama as well as my first production at the venue. I would like to thank John Harris and Don Rounds for their assistance in securing the space, and the Downey theatre staff for their assistance.

While the production has been in rehearsal for the past ten weeks, it was only three weeks ago that set construction began. Without the assistance of Jason Harris, Roger Perez, Joshua James and The Admiral, this production would not have been possible. A special thank you to all of you! Also I would like to thank Terry Deichman for lending her jewelry, and Dorothy and Sydney for their support and Alex Baldwin for keeping the purchase orders crisp and the checks flowing. Marsha Moode, I love ya and thanks for everything. Finally, I would like to give my sincerest thank you to Gregory Elsasser, you know what you did, and I thank you for it from the bottom of my heart.

**Thanks Jacquie!**

# *Cast Autographs*