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PRESENTS

## YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

by

#### George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart

with

Kate Myke Rylie Foster Sofia Estrella Paul Nouna Eleanor Stys Grace Cafagna Sean Sanders Julian Kirchler Michael Vostokov Matteo Candelieri Cassandra Wilson

Katie Redmond Jeremy Luna Troy Fulkerson Derek Dunneback Corynn Lewis

Directed by Krista Manfredi

You Can't Take It With You is presented by arrangement by Concord Theatricals.

The family of Martin Vanderhof lives "just around the corner from Columbia University — but don't go looking for it." Grandpa, as Martin is more commonly known, is the paterfamilias of a large and extended family of charming eccentrics. His granddaughter, Alice, is an attractive and loving girl who is still embarrassed by her family's idiosyncrasies. When Alice falls for her boss, Tony, a handsome scion of Wall Street, she fears that their two families – so unlike in manner, politics and finances – will never come together. But why be obsessed by money? After all, you can't take it with you...

#### PAST PRODUCTIONS

You Can't Take it With You (1973) Night of January 16th (1974) Night of One Acts (1975) Red, White & Blue Dinner (1976) Two by Two (Dinner Theatre 1977) The Man Who Came to Dinner (1977) Bye Bye Birdie (1978) The Crucible (1978) Don't Drink the Water (Fall 1978) Dinner Theatre (1979) Guys & Dolls (1979) Simon Scenes (Dinner Theatre 1980) The Wizard of Oz (1980) Couples Dinner Theatre (1981) Anything Goes (1981) Night of One Acts (Fall 1981) Oliver (1982) Illusions (1982) Bad Seed (Fall 1983) Peter Pan (1984) Grease (1985) Pippin (1986) Dracula (Fall 1986) My Fair Lady (1987) Dinner Theatre (Fall 1987) Singin' in the Rain (1988) A Chorus Line (1989) The Fantasticks (1990) Little Shop of Horrors (1990) Senior Square (Fall 1990) Bye Bye Birdie (1991) Robin Hood (Fall 1991) Fame (1992) Don't Drink the Water (Fall 1992) Godspell (1993) You Can't Take it With You (Fall 1993) The Outsiders (2016) Mad Forest (Fall 1994) Peter Pan (1995) Servant of Two Masters (Fall 1995) The Wizard of Oz (1996) Rumors (Fall 1996) Brigadoon (1997) The Crucible (1997) The Wiz (1998) Romeo & Juliet (Fall 1998) Grease (1999) God's Favorite (Fall 1999) West Side Story (2000)

You Can't Take it With You (Fall 2000) Into the Woods (2001) Our Town (Fall 2001) Oklahoma (2002) Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2002) Man of La Mancha (2003) Blithe Spirit (Fall 2003) Les Miserables (2004) Arsenic and Old Lace (Fall 2004) Godspell (2005) The Man Who Came to Dinner (Fall 2006) Little Shop of Horrors (2006) Miracle on 34th Street (Winter 2006) Once Upon a Mattress (2007) Rumors (Fall 2007) Disney's High School Musical (2008) Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2008) Oliver (2009) A Christmas Carol (Winter 2009) Disney's Beauty and the Beast (2010) The Crucible (Fall 2010) The Wizard of Oz (2011) Into the Woods (Summer 2011) Lend Me A Tenor (Fall 2012) Little Shop of Horrors (2012) You Can't Take it With You (2012) Bye Bye Birdie (2013) Willy Wonka (Summer 2013) Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2013) Seussical (2014) Emma! A Pop Musical (2014) Cinderella (2015) Hairspray (Summer 2015) Arsenic & Old Lace (2015) Oliver (2016) Disney's High School Musical (2017) The Three Musketeers (2017) Night of January 16th (2017) Once Upon a Mattress (2018) Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (2018) West Side Story (2019) Newsies (2019) The Crucible (2020) 10 Ways to Survive Quarantine (2020) Elf the Musical (2021) Rumors (2022) Disney's Descendants (2022) YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (2023)

#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

The first play I directed for the Troy School District, with Nancy Stern, in 1973 was YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU. So, here we are full circle 50 years later in 2023. I walked into Athens as the youngest teacher and now just a short time later, I am the oldest. How did that happen? I think of myself as a very lucky person to be able to work in a district that has supported the program I have built. I am honored to have been able to work with the students of Troy. I am also thankful for all of the wonderful parent volunteers. I have grown with my students over the years, because they are always teaching me too. I feel blessed to work with supportive administrators and staff. My support teams for ATC have been many in the last 50 years but the "assistants", who put in over 10 years with me, Jim Ku, Bob Brune, Thomas Butcher, and my current assistants, Karen Klitzke, and Marilyn Persichetti, Laura Sak my choreographer, Frank Pitts and Ashlev Rozanski, my vocal coaches, and Gino Minchella, Theatre Manager, for almost 20 years, have been my "Rocks" through my 12–16-hour days. Thank you for being my family and friends.

This play is very close to my heart for two reasons, because my family in Pennsylvania reminds me of the Sycamores and the message. Love, laughter, and craziness was always a part of my family. We were always encouraged to follow our dream and find a life that you love and enjoy living. I am forever grateful to the Troy School District for allowing me to love and enjoy the last 50 years. I am looking forward to the next 50!

Krista Manfredi

p.s. I am not retiring, just grateful for an incredible 50 years.



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#### **Production Staff**

Producer/Director	Krista Manfredi**
Assistant Director	Marilyn Persichetti
Student Director	
Tech Director	Gino Minchella
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Stage Managers	Adriana Miller, Claire Kilbride*
Set & Sound Design	Gino Minchella
Lighting Design & Sound Tech	Maaz Ali
Lighting Tech	Nathan Wilson
Media Tech	Joaquim Fioravanti, Rihanna Tufaili*
Master Carpenter	Steve Dunneback
Costumes & Props Chair	Makenna Barker
Costumes	Susann Hurl, Kendra Knoblock
Makeup	
Program, Promo Video, & Photography	Thomas Butcher*
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Props	Connor Creech
Box Office	Karen Klitzke, Marilyn Persichetti
Concessions	Karie & Steve Dunneback, Janie Kirchler
House Manager	Nicole Wilson
Dinner Coordinator	Marilyn Persichetti
Flowers	Yvonne Persichetti
Web Master (www.athenstheatrecompany.weebly.com)	Gino Minchella
Theatre Mascot	Franklin Delano Manfredi, R.I.P.

Costume Organizers Rihanna Tufaili\*, Vanessa Hunt\*, Faith Phillips, Abbyclaire Soriano, Sydney Jacey

Running Crew

Ari Anderson, Mckennah Enyart-Kuemerle, Alexandra Clum, Eliza Vasile

#### CAST

#### **Cast Members**

Penelope Sycamore	Grace Cafagna*
Essie	Kate Myke*
Rheba	
Paul Sycamore	Matteo Candelieri
Mr. De Pina	Troy Fulkerson*
Ed	Derek Dunneback
Donald	Paul Nouna
Martin Vanderhof	Sean Sanders
Alice	Katie Redmond*
Henderson	Cassandra Wilson*
Tony Kirby	Jeremy Luna
Boris Kolenkhov	Michael Vostokov
Gay Wellington	Corynn Lewis
Mr. Kirby	Julian Kirchler*
Mrs. Kirby	Sofia Estrella
Olga Katrina	Eleanor Stys
G-Man #1	Nathaniel Sakmar
G-Man #2	Mateo Berti
G-Man #3	Joshvir Sandhu

\*Members of Thespians Troupe #3729 \*\*Member of Thespians Troupe #1005

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#### President

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#### Grace Cafagna\*

#### as Penelope Sycamore

While "You Can't Take It With You" was Director Krista Manfredi's first show, it also happens to be Grace Cafagna's tenth and final ATC production. She is ecstatic to be playing the role of Penny Sycamore; an avid playwright much like Grace in real life. Grace began theatre on Miss Manfredi's stage at the age of six when she was cast in "Seussical", then "Cinderella" and then "Oliver". She cannot thank Miss Manfredi enough for her patience, and leadership throughout the years. She consists to provide amazing opportunities and has been essential in Grace's future plans to attend college for Film Direction/ Screenwriting. Grace would also like to thank and appreciate her ATC family. It's been a fantastic four years and the friendships she's created will last a lifetime. And of course, without her own crazy supportive and unique family, none of this would be possible. Lastly, she would like to thank YOU for attending her final bow and she hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Kate Myke\*

Kate Myke is a senior here at Athens High School. They are so excited and unbelievably grateful to be playing the role of Essie Carmichael - an aspiring yet unskilled dancer, candy maker, and most importantly: a Sycamore. This is Kate's 2nd year and 4th show with the ATC. They were previously a member of tech crew, then an actor and dance captain in Descendants (roles include Royal Page, Snow White, and ensemble member). Kate would like to thank every alumnus and all of the ATC's supporters over the past 50 years!



#### **Rylie Foster**

Rylie Foster is super excited to be in her very first and last show with the Athens Theatre Company! Rylie is playing Rheba in You Can't Take It With You! Rheba is the maid of the Sycamore household. She is charming, responsible, and always helping in some way. Rylie has always loved acting and she is grateful for this opportunity to be part of this entertaining show! She would like to thank Ms. Manfredi, her peers, and all the rest of the ATC! She hopes you love the show!

as Essie

as Rheba



#### **Matteo Candelieri**

#### as Paul Sycamore

Matteo is exited to return for his sixth major production and his third production at athens. Having been in elf and Descendants he is excited to return in the roll of Mr. Sycamore. He is honored to be a part of the fiftieth anniversary and hopes you enjoy the show.



#### **Troy Fulkerson\***

as Mr. De Pina

as Ed

as Donald

Troy Fulkerson (sophomore) joined the Athens Theatre Company at the beginning of his freshman year and he is incredibly grateful and excited to be a part of Miss Manfredi's 50th Anniversary show; "You Can't Take It With You". Troy plays the eccentric Mr. De Pina who delivered the milk one day and then never left. That joy of being welcomed by a strange and unusual family is prevalent in Troy's current life today. He wants to thank his ATC family for their unwavering support and Miss Manfredi for adopting him into the crazy world known as theatre. He wants to thank you for coming to see the show and he hopes you enjoy "You Can't Take It With You"!



#### **Derek Dunneback**

Derek is really excited to be playing the roll of Edward Carmichael in the Athens Theatre Company's production of You Can't Take It With You. This is his eighth time on the Athens Theatre Company's stage including Newsies, Descendants, and Elf. He has done other shows such as freaky Friday and Marry Poppins at Ridgedale Players. He would like to thank his parents for supporting his love for theater.



#### **Paul Nouna**

This is Paul's first show. He's really excited to be in theater this year. So far he's having a lot of fun meeting new people and learning how shows work. Paul plays Donald, Reba's boyfriend. Donald is the one in the family who buys all the food and everything the family members need.



#### **Sean Sanders**

#### as Martin Vanderhof

Sean Sanders is so incredibly thankful and excited to be playing his first lead in not only the ATC's play, "You Can't Take It With You", but in Miss Manfredi's 50th year production. Sean started his theatre career as a notable Snake in "Seussical" and returned to the stage in "Descendants" last fall. He will be starring as the role of "Grandpa", the head of the extremely happy albeit crazy Sycamore family. He's not only taught his children and grandchildren, but also Sean, rules about living life to the fullest, no matter what. Sean would like to thank the most supportive friends he's ever had, his family, and of course Miss Manfredi for assisting his pursuit in theatre- for helping him live his life to the fullest.



#### Katie Redmond\*

as Alice

Katie is excited to be playing the Sycamore's younger daughter, Alice, whose love for both her zany family and her fiancé causes chaos to ensue! Katie is a senior this year, and is a little sad to be performing in her last production with the ATC in its 50th season! Other memorable roles she's had with the company include Deb the secretary in Elf, Chris Gorman in Rumors, and Evie in Descendants. She'd like to thank Ms. Manfredi for the wonderful opportunities, direction and guidance she's provided to her throughout high school. She would also like to thank the cast, crew, production team, and parent volunteers for their support in making this production so incredible! Special thanks to mom, dad, Ms. Ashley, Ms. Marilyn, Mr. Minchella, Mr. Morang, Mr. Butcher, and Ms. Karen too! Please enjoy the show!



#### Cassandra Wilson\*

as Henderson

This is Cassandra's 4th show on the ATC stage, and she could not be more excited! She would like to say thank you to Ms. Manfredi for the fun role, amazing job to Sophia as a student director, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!



#### Jeremy Luna

#### as Tony Kirby

Jeremy Luna is beyond thrilled to be performing in his first and last Athens Theatre Company show as Tony Kirby. He'd like to thank his friend Julian for convincing him to join the comapny as a senior and for helping him to fit in with the crowd right away. He hopes you all enjoy the show!

#### **Michael Vostokov**

as Boris Kolenkhov

as Gay Wellington

as Mr. Kirby



This is Michael Vostokov's 2nd show with the ATC, and he is very excited for the role he has this time! He plays the Russian Ballet Instructor Boris Kolenkov! When Kolenkov enters the room, all attention is on him! The loud and enthusiastic personality of the character is exactly what Michael loves about the character. He hopes you all enjoy the show, and of course the legendary Mr. Kolenkov!



#### **Corynn Lewis**

As a freshman, this is Corynn's second show with ATC, and she couldn't be more excited to finally be cast in an onstage role! She worked on tech crew for ATC's previous show, Descendants The Musical, and has been doing other theatrical productions for about a year now. She's so grateful to have this opportunity to be involved in the production, and she hopes you all love the show!



#### Julian Kirchler\*

Julian Kirchler is excited yet saddened to take part in his final show for the Athens Theatre Company. You might've seen him in roles such as Ken in Rumors, Walter Hobbs in Elf, and Jafar in Descendants, and now he is looking forward to playing the role of the hard-working, funhating, devastatingly-charming Mr. Kirby. Sense any patterns? While the name of the show is You Can't Take It With You, Julian will take with him all of the amazing moments shared with every actor he's ever worked with and every actor he's ever seen perform. Julian would like to thank his mom for convincing him to first step onto the stage, and wants her to know how much he loves her. Thank you all for coming, and thank you to every person that he's shared the honor of meeting through acting. Enjoy the show!



#### Sofia Estrella

as Mrs. Kirby

Sofia Estrella is a sophomore who's had a passion for theatre since childhood. This is Sofia's 3rd show at Athens. Mrs. Kirby, who she will be playing, is a sophisticated spiritualist, mother who is trying to keep her marriage steady with her husband. Sofia is excited for the 50th anniversary show!

This is Ellie Stys, this year's production of You Can't Take It With You is her first play with the ATC. She is thrilled to be playing the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina! She would like to thank her friends and family, the whole cast, and Ms. Manfredi for supporting her the whole time

#### **Eleanor Stys**

as Olga Katrina





#### Nathaniel Sakmar

and giving her a lovely experience.

as G-Man #1

Nathaniel is exited for participating in his second school play at Athens High School. Athens High School has been a great experience so far and looks forward to participating in more.

#### Mateo Berti

as G-Man #2

This play is Mateo's second production in ATC. He is an exchange student from Argentina and is leaving at the end of the school year. He enjoys every moment in the theater. Mateo hopes everybody enjoys the play and has a great time watching it!!!

#### Joshvir Sandhu

as G-Man #3

This is Josh's first ATC production. He plays Jim, one of the G-Men who ensues chaos. He is very excited to be a part of the ATC, and hopes you all enjoy the show!



#### Sophia Keil\*

Sophia Keil is extremely grateful for all of the amazing experiences that Ms. Manfredi has brought to her during her time in the Athens Theatre Company. She is beyond proud to say that she is experiencing this show from a different point of view. Rather than being on the stage - she has been working behind the stage as Ms. Manfredi's "right hand man". Assistant directing has opened her eyes to new and valuable information that will be incredibly helpful to just about everything that she has planned for her future. She cannot thank Ms. Manfredi and the ATC family enough for everything. Wrapping up this show after four years in the company is incredibly bittersweet.



#### Adriana Miller

This is Adriana's third show at the Athens Theatre Company! She adores theatre and all the memory's she's made these past two years!

#### Claire Kilbride\*

Claire Kilbride is a sophomore at Athens; this is her fourth show with ATC and first as assistant stage manager. She is also involved in Athens Student Council and plays the cello in Athens Symphony Orchestra. She hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Maaz Ali

Maaz is a sophomore and this is his fourth production with the Athens Theatre Company. He is very excited to be running sound again and take a break from lighting. Maaz would like to give a big thanks to Ms. Manfredi and Mr. Minchella for all they have done for him. He is thrilled for this show, but also sad that some of his friends will be leaving soon. He is ecstatic for what his job as part of tech crew might lead to in the future.







#### **Joaquim Fioravanti**

Meet Joaquim, a sports enthusiast and avid gamer with a great sense of humor. When not watching or playing sports, they can be found immersed in their favorite video games or tinkering with computers. Family means everything to them, and they always make time for loved ones amidst their busy schedule.

#### Rihanna Tufaili\*

Rihanna, or River, is a very hardworking and energetic person. She's been in three other shows besides this one, most as crew, just like today! She will be working with video technology during this show and hopes you will enjoy and laugh at this show just as much as she does watching it during rehearsal.

#### Makenna Barker

This is Makenna's third show at the Athens Theater Company! She was on stage for the first two, but gets to have a new experience this time around behind the scenes. She's excited to help out behind the scenes and to see the other side of the stage!

#### **Connor Creech**

This is Connor's fourth show with the Athens Theatre Company. He is excited to once again be the ATC's prop master. He hopes you enjoy our 50th anniversary show!





#### Vanessa Hunt\*

Vanessa is a junior this year having previously been in ELF, (person in the crowd, New Yorker and Macy's shopper), Rumors (was on crew), Descendants (Isle of the Lost kid, Auradonian, person at the coronation) and now this show in which she and other people help out with the costumes. She would like to thank the director and the student director (first time in ATC history!) Sophia Keil for this wonderful opportunity. Break a leg to the rest of the cast and crew! She hopes you've also stocked up on that coffee because this show is three acts long! She would like to thank everyone for coming and she hopes you enjoy the show!



#### **Faith Phillips**

This is her second time participating in ATC. She's excited to be working behind the scenes this time to help the show run smoothly with the costume crew. Her hobbies outside of theatre include singing, reading, and hanging out with friends. She hopes that all her friends onstage break a leg, and you enjoy the show!!!



#### **Abbyclaire Soriano**

This is Abbyclaire's 4th show with ATC. She is glad to be back helping out with the company but this time for costume crew. Lastly, she hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Ari Anderson

Ari Anderson is a freshmen and this is the second time she's worked on anything involving theater. She's excited to be a part of this play.



#### **Alexandra Clum**

This is Alexandra Clum, it's her first year at Athens High School. This is also her first time participating in any theater activities. She is extremely excited to enjoy, and learn all about behind the stage as a crew member in costumes, and loves the fun journey along with it.



#### **Mckennah Enyart-Kuemerle**

Mckennah is a freshman at athens, and is super excited to be involved in ATC this year, with only middle-school theatre experience. With much enthusiasm, she will continue to work hard and hopefully be involved in more shows to come!



Biographies are written by students If a specific biography does not appear, it was not submitted



--THE DIRECTOR & CAST & CREW OF "YCTIWY"



# Grace Cafagna

We've watched you on the Athens stage more than half your life. You've been a "who", an orphan, a mouse, a newsie, an elf, an iconic villain, a mom and a writer...what an amazing run, and we know it's just the beginning! Whether on the stage, on the mic, behind the camera or writing the script, we can't wait to see where your future takes you. Congratulations, we couldn't be prouder! Love, Mom, Dad, Maddie, Anna & Michael.

# Julian Kirchler



We are so proud of all your moments on stage. Keep shining bright for all the world to see. We love you! - Mama & Dad









## ΜΥΚΕ





YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH. YOU STARTED AS PART OF THE TRUSTWORTHY AND EVER SO IMPORTANT TECH CREW, THEN SINGING, DANCING, PERFORMING ON STAGE, AND BEING INDUCTED TO TROUPE #3729. YOU HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR EVERYTHING AND WE COULD NOT BE PROUDER OF YOU!

BREAK A LEG. HAVE FUN. KNOW YOU ARE LOVED.

- LOVE DAD, MOM AND AUTUMN









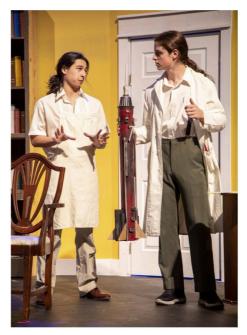




# Katie Redmond

Senior year! It's gone by way too fast! We've enjoyed every second of watching you perform throughout the years and can't wait to see what adventures lie ahead! We're very proud of all you've accomplished both on and off the stage and beyond proud to be your parents! Break a leg doing what you love, bug! All our love, Mom and Dad

# From Our Family to Yours... We Hope You Have a Blast! Break a Leg Athens Theatre Company!



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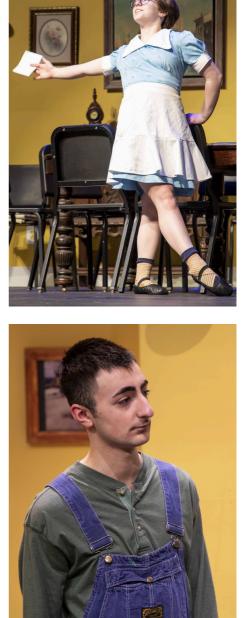
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