



Youth Theatre Northwest presents

RADIO DRAMA 2022:

Alfred Hitchcock Presents Ghost Stories for Young People

By John Allen, Saki, and Walter R. Brooks

The Adventures of Superman

By Ben Peter Freeman

Directed by: **MIKE LION**

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

When the cast and I discussed what forms of media everyone in the country experiences together, we considered certain Tik-Tok trends and possibly each day's *Wordle*, but the modern media-obsessions-of-the-day don't have the same universal audiences as radio dramas enjoyed in their heyday. Everyone listened to the programs together, the same stories were being enjoyed by families across the country – by adults and children alike. Radio, like theater, was a communal experience, and there is still something captivating in coming together to listen to a story created only by the actors' voices and some cleverly timed foley effects.

We spent a lot of time in this process on voice and speech training, learning how to tell a story with our voice. Both scripts feature a number of lengthy speeches and require our actors to find ways to keep the audience's attention by finding vocal variety in their performance. Even though our final presentation format is standing still in front of microphones, we paid special attention to how tension and movement in our bodies affects our voice and how to project.

We're presenting these radio plays set in a radio station and we attempt to imagine the backstage lives of the actors who are sending their voices out over the airwaves. Unusually for a radio station, we have a studio audience here with us, but there are also folks tuning into the streaming broadcast at home.

Whether you are in the studio today, or joining from the comfort of your couch, I invite you to get comfortable tune your imaginary radios to KYTN, and listen closely.

Mike Lion (Director)

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CAST LIST (In alphabetical order):

Esmeralda, Olsen, and others	Abi N
Alfred, Little Girl, and others	Elizabeth K
Jimmy, Narrator, and others	Julia J
Mr. Nuttal, Announcer, and others	Maggie A
Alfred, Lois Lane, and others	Maya S
Jenny, Miller, and others	Maya T
Narrator, Aunt Mary, and others	Nora J
Alfred, Ghost, and others	Rune S
Narrator, Der Teufel, and others	Sarah C
Alfred, Johnny, and others	Taylor R
Magician, Clark Kent, and others	Torian S

ACTOR'S BIOS (Alphabetical by first name):



Abi N (Esmeralda/Olsen) is 11 years old and a 6th grader at Islander Middle School on Mercer Island. Abi is super excited to be in her fifth production at YTN! Most recently she was in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *Flora and Ulysses*, and *Cinderella Rocking the 80s*. In her free time you could find Abi watching YouTube or playing some sort of instrument. Her favorite place to go visit is Israel. Enjoy the show!

Elizabeth K (Alfred/Little Girl) is part of Radio Drama. This is her 4th show at YTN, her first being the *Wizard of Oz*. She is in 6th grade at IMS, and her favorite subjects are science and art. In her free time, she likes to find new and interesting hobbies that might become a new passion. She would like to give a shout out to her cat, Cat Stevens, for being one in a million. She hopes you enjoy listening to Radio Drama.



Julia J (Jimmy/Narrator) Drama is Julia's first show at YTN. Julia is 13 years old and in 7th grade. She has two guinea pigs named Coconut and Granola. Some other things that Julia does is play the piano and the violin.

Maggie A (Mr. Nuttal/Announcer) has been at YTN for 8 years now and loves all the roles she gets. She is 14 years old and goes to IMS on Mercer island. Some of her favorite shows are *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Lion King jr.*, *the Sky Below*, and now *Radio Drama*. In her free time she enjoys crocheting, watching *Brooklyn 99*, baking, and hanging out with her weird friends. She thanks her family for encouraging her in her theater performances, and hopes you enjoy this show as much as she does. Enjoy!



Maya S (Alfred/Lois Lane) is excited to be in her first radio show! She is 12 and attends Kamiakin Middle School. This is her first show at YTN. While not on the stage, she enjoys reading, robotics, and playing video games. She would like to thank everyone who helped make the show happen and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Maya T (Jenny/Miller) is excited to be in her 7th show at YTN! She is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Islander Middle School. Some of Maya's favorite shows at YTN are *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, and *The Sky Below*. When she is not at YTN she enjoys watching funny TV shows like *Brooklyn 99*, hanging out with friends, and traveling. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Nora J (Narrator/Aunt Mary) is 13 years old, this is her 10th show with YTN and her third radio drama. Nora enjoys roller skating, rainbows and glitter, playing with her guinea pigs, and social interactions. Enjoy the show!

Rune S (Alfred/Ghost) is overjoyed to be performing in her 7th show here at YTN! Rune is 16, loves animation, and is delighted to be able to perform in person again. Enjoy the show!





Sarah C (Narrator/Der Teufel) is 14 years old, and she is in 8th grade at Lakeside School in Seattle. Sarah has done many productions with YTN including *Mary Poppins Jr*, *The Monkey King*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *The Sky Below*. She has loved being in *Radio Drama* with such a great director and cast! In her free time Sarah enjoys playing soccer, violin, boxing, baking, and playing with her dog Nelson.

Taylor R (Alfred/Johnny) is 13 years old. This is her first time doing theater. Her hobbies are video games and watching movies while singing and dancing along with them.



Torian S (Magician/Clark Kent) is 14. He goes to Islander Middle School and likes the theater and basketball and is very happy to be a part of this great show! Torian's favorite show he has done so far is *Romeo and Juliet*.

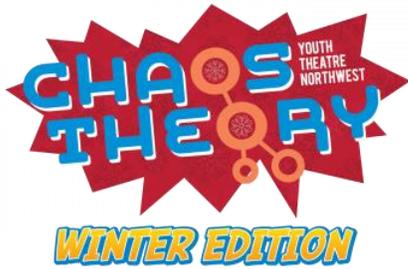
PRODUCTION TEAM:

Director	Mike Lion
Set Designer	Brian Jackson
Costume Designer	Jocelyne Fowler
Sound Designer	Josh Valdez
Stage Manager	Josh Valdez
Set Construction	Brian Jackson
Dialect Consultant	Philip Smith

STUDENT CREW:

Student Stage Manager	Hadley S
Sound Board Operator	Sharayu Z

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In Person/Live Streaming: 2/12 @ 7PM



Virtual Gala 3/5

PRODUCTION TEAM'S BIOS:

Mike Lion (Director) is thrilled to be directing his second Radio Drama at YTN! Mike is the Program Associate at YTN, as well as the Chaos Theory Improv coach. Outside of YTN Mike is one of the co-Artistic Directors of Dacha Theatre in Seattle, a Russian translator, and an aspiring clown. He is so thankful to be back in the rehearsal room in person and can't wait for you to experience these radio classics.

Josh Valdez (Stage Manager/Sound Designer) Josh is a stage manager and sound engineer/designer in the Greater Seattle area. Cool fact: You may have heard his compositions in the YTN's *Summer of Horror* short films! Josh has had the pleasure of working with several companies such as Pork Filled Productions, Sound Theatre Company, Annex Theatre, and much more! He is also a mentor for students in college access and technical arts. Outside of theatre, though, Josh loves anything from anime, video games, and "weird" experimental music.

Brian Jackson (Set Design) has been with Youth Theatre Northwest for nearly twenty years now. He has also Set Designed at YTN for a number of shows as well. Some of his designs are; 2021 Summer Stock, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hairspray*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Pigs! The Rock Musical*, *Night of the Living Dead*, and *Shrek*. He's also has worked with Seattle theater companies such as; Seattle Scenic Studios, The Group Theatre, On the Boards, The Bathhouse Theatre, Consolidated Work's "1448", Northwest Actors Studio, Theatre Schmeater, and Seattle Preparatory High School. He is grateful to be a part of an amazing YTN staff and production company. He'd like to thank the production team and crew, and the talented cast for all their hard work.

Sharayu Z (Student Sound) Sharayu is an intern at YTN, she loves acting and theatre. Sharayu is helping out in this show and she's going to be helping out in future shows as well. outside of theatre Sharayu is a junior in high school.

KUDOS:

Taylor,

We are so proud of you! You have a huge community of family and friends all supporting you and are so happy to see you doing what you enjoy most! Love you!!

From: Becca Rose and Fatima Rose

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