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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Any production with the Thurston Players is a unique experience, and that is no exception with this year's production of *Game On!* The Players have become a unique phenomenon in the Northeast side of Ann Arbor, going beyond a simple community play. It is a total experience that encompasses community and a chance for everyone, young and old, to grow in many ways.

The most obvious way to grow through the Thurston Play is the development of performance skills and on-stage confidence. This is often a young person's first chance to participate in musical theatre – and sometimes it is an adult's first chance as well. For others of us, it is a last chance to stay involved in a wonderful art form while pursuing busy careers and/or raising families.

And it is not just performing. The wonderful sets and clever devices you see on stage are built by volunteers, a mix of pre-teens to grandparents interacting in a way not often available in everyday life. Same goes for sound and lighting, the many volunteers that take your ticket, arrange for facilities, and put this very program together are all aimed at the same goal – providing you with an entertaining experience by growing and learning and having fun doing it.

Finally, another creative outlet the Thurston Play affords is writing the script. Each script every year is an original piece, written by and for the Players themselves. This provides an outstanding ability to not only provide a range of roles, from introductory to starring, but include the local community with jokes and references unique to us here in Ann Arbor.

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- Madison Bunker

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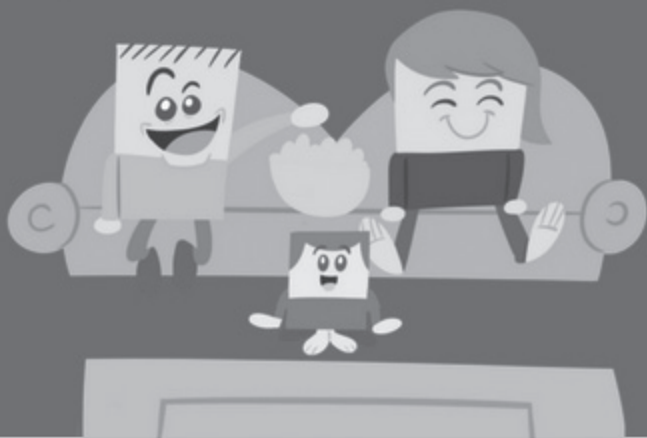


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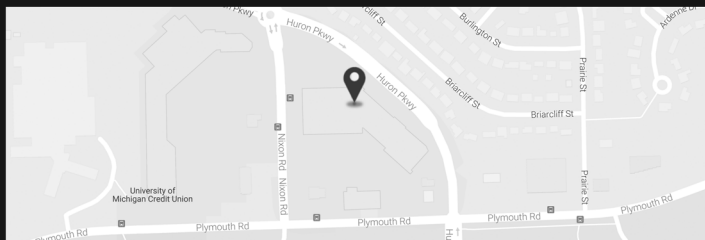
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Tonight's musical is the result of a full year of work by hundreds of dedicated people. It began last summer when the Script and Lyrics Committees began writing this year's show, continuing with auditions in October and rehearsals starting in early January.

The Thurston Players began in 1974 when a group of Thurston Elementary School parents wrote and performed an original musical to benefit the PTO. The annual fundraiser was an "adults only" production until 1997 when Thurston students were first included. Since then the Players have grown to include middle and high schoolers and adults from throughout the community.

Anyone who lives in the Thurston area can be a part of the show. In addition to the onstage performers, volunteers build the set, sell advertising, design costumes, and manage the multitude of other details involved in a show of this size. Everyone works extremely hard to give their best efforts, always while having a whole lot of fun! And each year, this wonderful bunch of neighbors—age 5 to past 75—end each show by linking arms onstage and singing:

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As we celebrate our 43rd season, we thank you again for being here. You are as much of a part of the musical as we are.

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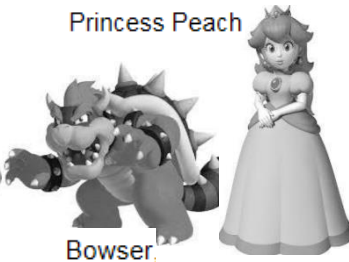
Did You Know?

The Thurston Play regularly takes (steals?) cultural references from just about anywhere. *Game On!* is no exception: many of the video game heroes and villains in our play were borrowed from real games!

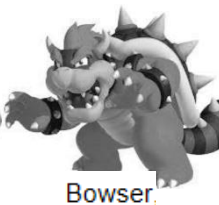
Mario



Princess Peach



Bowser



a chain chomp



Samus Aran



While “The Knights of Evernaught” game is a completely made-up game, some of you will recognize the setting, which copies the Mario Bros. video game. In this game, Mario is an Italian, overalls-wearing plumber who travels through plumbing pipes to rescue Princess Peach whenever she gets kidnapped by the notorious villain, Bowser. These characters are thinly disguised in our play as Mária, Princess Plum, and Browzer. The Mario games include chain chomps, which are fearsome steel balls with snapping jaws that make life harder for Mario.

The heroes are joined by Sumas, who is like Samus Aran from the game, *Metroid*. She is a bounty hunter who hunts space pirates, outfitted in her high-tech Power Suit and arm cannon. Link (our Lonk) is a heroic character from a game called, *Legend of Zelda*, and looks kind of like Robin Hood.

Carmen SanDiego



Queen Candy is the sugary-sweet villain in our game, whose ideal of ultimate villainy is to kidnap Princess Plum. In our world, she amasses a team of villains from various games. You'll see Carmen SanFrancisco, who is based on the educational video game called, *Where in the World Is Carmen SanDiego?* from the 80's and 90's which tried to teach geography to children by having them follow this dastardly thief as she traveled the world stealing colossal monuments, like the Great Pyramids or the Great Wall of China.

Donkey Kong



Link



Another of our villains, Browzer, is inspired by Bowser, the princess-kidnapper in the Mario Bros games. He is a scary, fire-breathing, turtle-esque creature. You've probably guessed that Monkey Kong comes from the *Donkey Kong* games, but did you know that in his first appearance, Donkey Kong was

Shadow

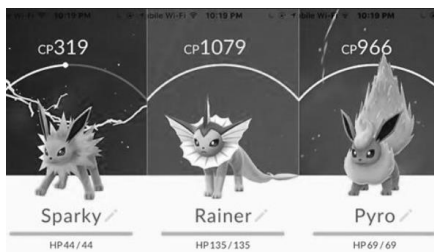


a villain? The protagonist was none other than Mario, who wouldn't get his own game until four years later. Donkey Kong is a giant gorilla who throws barrels. Shadow is from a game called, *Sonic the Hedgehog*, where he's an anti-hero with a tragic back story. In our play, Slenderman comes from a real urban legend that started in 2009: details on Slenderman are hazy, but people aren't supposed to look into his face, as it is terrifying.



Slenderman? But nobody knows What he really looks like . . .

In our play this year, a number of Pokemon appear. *Pokemon* began as Nintendo Game Boy video game with about 150 little monsters, called "Pokemon." In this game, the Pokemon creatures like Eevees and Pikachu are animals, and you play a 10-year-old who embarks on a quest to capture and train these creatures for battle. *Pokemon Go!* started in 2016 as a mobile augmented reality



incarnation of this game, where your iPhone's camera works with the game to allow you to "see" the otherwise invisible Pokemon that seem to actually be floating or flitting around near you, wherever you are. After spotting a Pokemon who might be just a few feet away from you, you can use your phone to throw pokeballs to capture them.



Angry birds is a game where you use a slingshot to shoot colorful birds at angry pigs to try to knock down their towers.



. . . and believe it or not, our top-hat wearing, heart-spewing, rainbow-streaming, purple flying hippo is an actual cheat code from *Age of Mythology*. Typing in "WuvWoo" summons this incredibly powerful creature to help out.

Our 6th graders this year play video game characters who have escaped from a variety of different video games. You might recognize Kirby, Lucina, Mine Craft Steve, Palutena, Pig King, Toon Link, and Red Toad!



. . . and Microsoft Word users may remember screaming at your computers at Clippy, the annoying paperclip who offered pointless, unwanted assistance a little too often!



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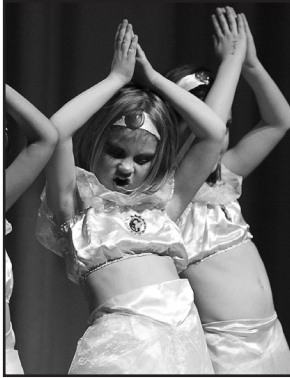
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MEET THIS YEAR'S SENIORS



MADISON BUNKER

Maddi began in first grade with “The Maltese Heron”, but her strongest memory was opposing the belly dancer costume on feminist grounds. Despite this rocky start, she stuck with the Thurston Play for the next 12 years and couldn’t imagine her life without it. She has participated in the writing committee, and her favorite role was “Scoober” in *Mayan Twilight*. One surreal moment was being carried in Barbie form by the infamous rubber chicken in *Oh What a Night!* Next year she will attend college, and she has positively no idea what she plans to major in.



GWEN DAVIS

Gwen has been in the play for 12 years and has been an Arabian dancer, a clown, a hand-clapper, a gangster, and a hotel maid. Her favorite role was as a milk-maid because she was first in line in the show and Margaret Baker’s cue to start playing the piano. She then tried backstage and became increasingly interested in lighting. Gwen is going to Kalamazoo College next fall to study psychology and participate in theater.



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CATHERINE GARTON

Catherine has been in the Thurston Play for twelve years, during which the community has become her second family. Memorable moments include being forced to wear a belly-dancing costume in first grade, loudly singing “Part of Your World” in the bathroom, and walking as a two-headed alien with Maddi Bunker. She has also choreographed dances and helped with stage lighting, script writing, and lyrics. Next year, she will be off to college where she plans to major in neuroscience and environmental sciences.



SARA MATTSON

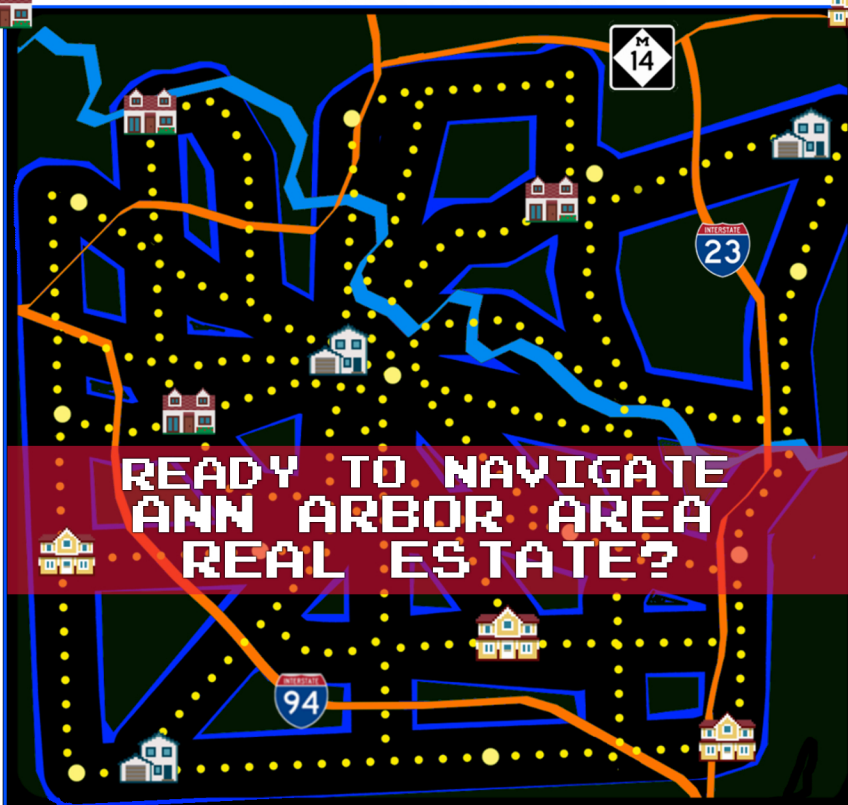
This is Sara’s 3rd year working with the Thurston Players. Her first show was *Go for the Gold* where she was a Hand-Clapping Athlete. Last year she was a cue runner backstage, and this year she is once again on stage as EgoRaptor. Both of her roles on stage were very fun, but being EgoRaptor is definitely a blast! Next year she will be going to college to study Music Education.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Happy Games;
Thursday, Friday, Happy Games;
Saturday, Princess Plum,
Playin' all week with you.

This game is ours, Oh, it's so fine,
Just saving you, Oh, what a time!

Hello Heroes, Rescue Plum,
You probably think it's really dumb,
But she's our princess,
We're her friends,
It's just a game that Never ends.

These Happy Games
Are yours and mine.

Olivia & Nathan
Break a leg!
Love,
Mom & Dad



A theater's as good a
place as any for magic!



We love you! Hugs and
Kisses! Mama, Daddy,
and Hazel

YES!...WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!

Oh, yes, we'll do it again,
We'll start from the start
And play to the end. Oh, Princess.
It might seem like a bore,
But surely you see,
That's what we're here for.
'Cause to capture the Princess,
That is just so typically me.
Oh, Princess, Princess.

Yes, we'll do it again,
We'll play with our rope,
Get lost in the game.
Oh, Princess, Princess.
Yes, we'll do it again,
and again and again
with Priceless Plum again.
Oh, yes, we'll do it again,
We'll start from the start.
And play to the end.



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Bad code is a thorn. Makes you wish you weren't born
Every time we play, But with a bug in the act
It will set the game back To the caveman days

I've seen some hitech games I've tried to hack
Still a bug's the only slug
We need to attack
This isn't a task that we can sweep up under the rug
When everybody wants to slug the bug.



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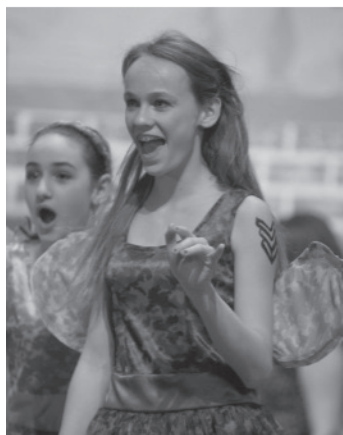
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Well, you can tell by the way we walk and talk,
We are gaming folk, and that's no joke,
Music loud and joysticks warm,
We've been kickin' around since we were born,

And it's all right, it's O. K., Makin' 3-D now, they're here to stay,
You can try to understand the 3-D force's effect on man.

Whether they're a plumber or whether they're a princess,
They're comin' alive, comin' alive,
Feel the people quakin' and ev'rybody shakin',
They're comin' alive, comin' alive,
Ah, ha, ha, ha, comin' alive, comin' alive,
Ah, ha, ha, ha, comin' alive.

Well, you can tell by the way we walk and talk,
We are game heroes, and that's no joke,
Music loud and joysticks warm,
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Hannah and Timothy



*We are thankful and love the play
Love you Guys !!!*

Mom and Dad

BAD GUYS ARE HAVIN' FUN

The programmers opened the binary gate
Now we do more than just pixelate
We can be villains in 3-D space
We're gonna have some fun

They thought we existed locked up in their games
Bouncing around in 2-D frames
But we're gonna show them, live up to our names
Watch out, world, here we come!
Bad guys are havin' fun. That's what I said.
Bad guys are havin' fun. Bad guys are havin' fun.

You might have heard I run with a dangerous crowd
We ain't too pretty, we ain't too proud
We might be laughing a bit too loud
But that never hurt no one
So come on, Queen Candy, show me a sign
Send up a signal I'll throw you the line
The firewall software you're hiding behind
Never lets in the sun
Bad guys are havin' fun
That's what I said
Bad guys are havin' fun
Bad guys are havin' fun

We need a foolproof plan to wreak havoc at a destination
Identify our goal. Maybe rob some dough.
We can do it, we just need to find the right inspiration.
We didn't expect to be out on the planet roaming in 3-D

We gotta do something to make souls deflate
Puncture a game ball, steal home plate
Take all of the candy and gumballs from Michigan State
Then melt it all in the sun
Cause the bad guys are having fun
That's what I said
Bad guys are havin' fun
Bad guys are havin' fun

Break a leg, Kelp-star!

Love from your legitimate fan club,

Emma and Jennie

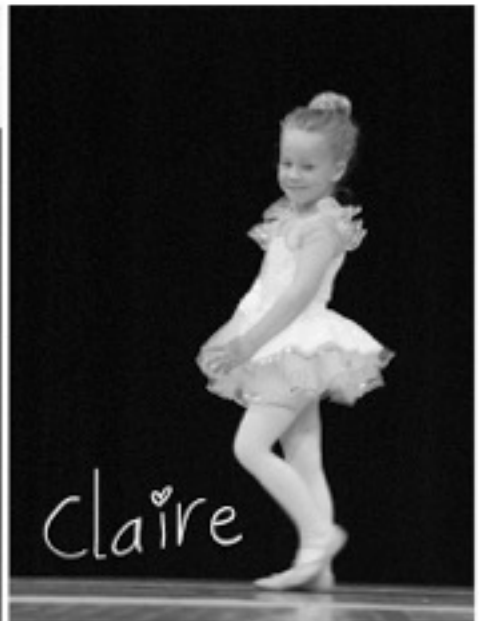


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With our colorful cheering squad looking grand,
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We are cheering on our football team to victory,
Hollering, hollering all along the way.
Wolverines will all go down in history,
Maize and blue surely will win the day.

There are fifty drummers drumming in the drumming line,
Rumbling, rumbling, with a mighty roar,
Saxophones and bass trombones, and piccolos with squeaky tones,
That make us all cry for more and more.



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This appears as a moral dilemma,
Or it would if we cared for you poor little humans.
You will all be amazed by our power, let's hurry up.
We know that you're vague on the how, but don't worry cause
We're here to show you the light...

It's a brand new day, So let's have some fun
As we make our way To the stadium.
We'll steal the biggest house, And capture Princess Plum!
It's a brand new day.

Ann Arbor will see the evil me
And they'll run, and they'll hide, and they'll panic.
And they may scream
Cause this visiting team
Is about to wreak some Ohio-style havoc.



*Amelia,
Enjoy your first year
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*Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Sophie*



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We love you!
Mama & Daddy

ASPEN

**BREAK A LEG,
MINECRAFT
STEVE!**

**LOVE - DAD,
MOM, GRANMA,
GRANDPA, AMELIA,
AND OLIVER**



WALKING IN 3-D

I used to think life was just flat shapes, but not anymore
And I just can't wait to explore what this world has in store
Now everytime I go to a sign post, I can just walk around
And it's just so great, I can go where I want, all around

I'm walking in 3-D, woooah. I'm walking in 3-D, woooah.
I'm walking in 3-D, woooah. And don't it feel good!!

I used to think life was just flat shapes, but not anymore
And it would be great, to have more lives, like three maybe four
What will I do, got no reset I've just got one life
At least in 3-D, I can move where I want, all around
I'm walking in 3-D, woooah. I'm walking in 3-D, woooah.
I'm walking in 3-D, woooah. And don't it feel good!!

I feel alive, I feel the love, I feel alive I'm really real
I feel alive, I feel the love, I feel alive I'm really real
I'm in 3-D, wooah. I'm walking in 3-D, woooah. I'm walking in 3-D, woooah
And don't it feel good!! And don't it feel good!! And don't it feel good!!



Congratulations
Brynn, Piper & Kendra

on all your hard work - we are very proud
of you! Love, Barry, Kim, Scott,
Megan & Hunter Conklin

FIX THE GAME

Down in the depths of the game code, there's lots of work to be done
The characters are all missing. Who can we blame it all on... Russia?

We're gonna find the bug! (Knights of Evernaught)

If they can fix the ga-me,

We're gonna find the bug! (Knights of Evernaught)

If they can fix the ga-me

Workin' so hard here together, And we can do anything

Did you check the A.I. logic? The Dork Den's on it alright? Okay!

We're gonna find the bug! (Knights of Evernaught), And then we'll fix the ga-me

We're gonna find the bug! (Knights of Evernaught), And then we'll fix the ga-me

Oh yeah, Oh yeah

We'll find a logical answer, I'm sure we'll think of something

Did / you / defrag the host code? The Dork Den's on it alright?

Okay!) We're gonna find the bug! (Knights of Evernaught)

And then we'll fix the ga-me

MAX, LIBBIE & BILLIE,

We are so proud of you!

Break a leg
and have
a great
time!!!

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Rosie, Loki & Luna

Best wishes

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VAN EE

AND THE ENTIRE
"GAME ON!"

CAST. WE ARE LOOKING
forward to yet
another great play!

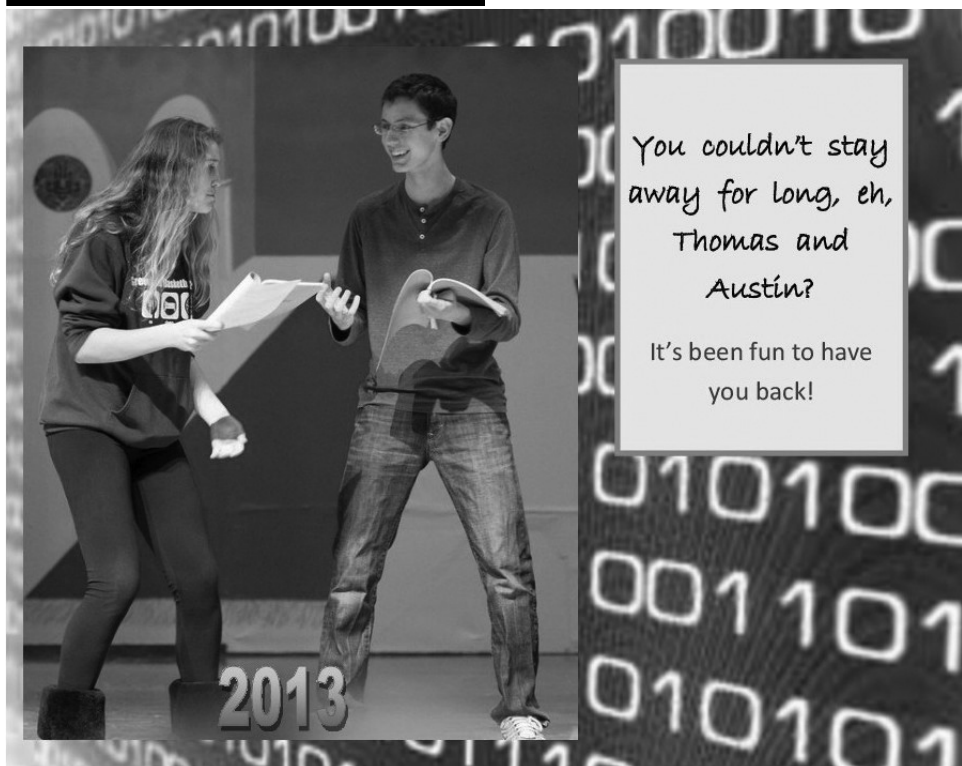
THE VAN EES



**To the Smartest
Monkey I know!!**

So Proud of You Leah!!

Have a great show,
Love Mom



You couldn't stay
away for long, eh,
Thomas and
Austin?

It's been fun to have
you back!

BAD REPUTATION

We are gonna conquer your Big House nation
We've never seen a squad emit such foul vibrations
Bad guys can do what they want to do and that's what we're gonna do

Say, Coach, what is this play 'bout? What's the formation?
You go! Go flee!

You wimps don't stand a chance in this destination
Coach, we cannot live up to your expectation
Villains got you on the run and we're havin' fun
Coach Hardyharhar, should we punt?!

We villains gonna claim this as our new location
Coach can't break free!
Come, team, save me!
Go on! Go flee!

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MANTHEY



GAME ON!

MARCH 2017

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO

Where have all the good guys gone, And where's the extra lives?
Where's the street-wise Mario, to make sure we survive?
Isn't there a Yoshi? Where is Sonic with his speed?
In the Big House we're losing ground, and we dream of what we need

We need a hero. We're holding out for a hero till the end of the night
They've gotta be strong, And they've gotta be fast,
And they've gotta be fresh for the fight

You need a hero. We're not seeing a hero anywhere in our sight
They'd better be sure, And they'd better be soon,
And they'd better be larger than life (larger than life)

How I wish a Pokemon would come to save our town
Lara Croft or Master Chief could take these bad guys down
Someone, call in Pac Man! Wake up Kirby from his dream.
Tell those guys to get here soon, cause we're running out of steam!

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In college towns, where pizza's king,
When hunger aches, Here's what we sing:

When the sun hits your eye, like a big pizza pie, pepperoni.
When the sun seems to shine, like you've had too much wine, pepperoni.

Then you'll cry, "Pizza, pizza pie, Pizza, pizza pie," And you'll sigh, "Mozzarella."
Then you'll bleat, "Tangy, tangy meat, Tangy, tangy meat,"
And you'll eat mortadella. (Hungry fella.)

When the sun makes you lust after thick pizza crust, pepperoni.
When you race down the street, craving hot bubbly cheese, Parmesan.

When you feel at a loss, without to-ma-to sauce, not spumoni.
Pardon me, but you see, it's just pizza for me, pepperoni.



To my bit (so glad you could join us!), football player,
and smart grad student (Chrissy, Joseph and Catie),
**Another multidimensional Thurston Player
experience for 2017!**

From your Dork mom, Connie Hart

CAPTIVE NO MORE

Now it seems to us that we've left our game behind.
We've left our little world. Can we make it somewhere new?
Oh, just where are we and what are we gon-na find?
Still we know we're free and forever happy, happy, happy.

Well, we don't wanna be Captive No More,
We don't wanna have to run on tracks.
We don't wanna know the Trainer at our door
Is just another master on our backs.

We don't wanna be Captive No More,
And you know we could never stand for this.
So when you tell us that you want us, know for sure:
We don't wanna be Captive Anymore.

So we like it here more than games that are so lame.
Open up your gates, Pokémon's just not the same.
And we're running free, and we love to feel this way.
Never going home. This is where we're staying. (staying, staying...)

Amelia

You're
the sweetest Tootsie
Roll. Good luck!

Love - Dad, Mom,
Granma, Grandpa,
Aspen, and Oliver



SLEEP DEPRIVED

This was a triumph! I came through the portal—huge success.
It's hard to overstate my satisfaction.

Knights of Evernaught...I was wondering where those guys all went.
Suddenly, I heard a sound through this hole in the wall.

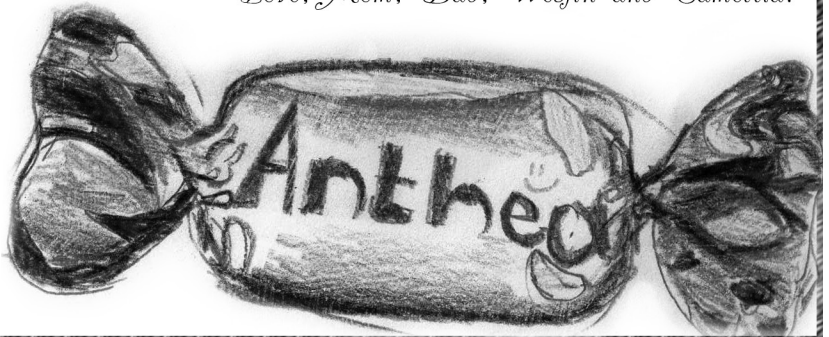
We heard students calling cause they made a mistake.
And if we can help them, then we all can have cake.
And the PHD gets her sciencey degree
With the students who are sleep deprived.

They're going in circles...The characters all have disappeared.
There's something buggy in the algorithm.
But it wasn't their fault, there's something malicious in the code.
There's a portal in a wall that the programmers can't see

They're doing science, and they're sleep deprived.
They're drinking coffee, and they're sleep deprived
While we're sleeping, they'll be asleep deprived
And when we're dead, they'll still be asleep deprived
Sleep deprived.
Sleep deprived.

Keep it sweet, Mini Queen Candy.

Love, Mom, Dad, Weston and Camellia.



**So proud of
our daughter!**



♥ **Mom & Dad**

Hannah & Fiona

Congratulations on
a great show!
We're so proud
of you!!
Love, Mom
and Dad



*Chloe & Amelie,
To our favorite Eevee and Tootsie Roll,
can't wait to see you in another
Thurston Play! Love,
Grandma, Nana, Papa, Mom & Dad*

BRAVE GAME HEROES

Bravely bold our Heroes, Squeezed through the sewer pipes,
They were not afraid of poop, O brave Game Heroes.

They were not at all afraid to be slimed with toilet waste.
Brave, brave, brave Game Heroes.

They were not in the least bit scared
To be drowned in putrid muck,

Or wallow in the slop And swallow yucky glop
Bravely bold our Heroes, Were not afraid to die, To be killed in nasty ways --



LILLY, ROBBY
AND EVELYN,

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU: OUR RED
ANGRY BIRD, CHAIN CHOMP AND
TOOTSIE ROLL.

BREAK A LEG (OR TWO). WE LOVE YOU.
MOM, DAD, CHLOE AND PATRICK

Hi Sitara. You are the most wonderful
and perfect child. I couldn't have
asked for better. I love you more than
you know. Congrats on the completion
of your seven years of TCP.
Mom XOXO :))



NEW LIFE

I need to tell my story, Something to get off my chest
My life was kinda boring so I set off on my own quest

Well Princess Plum was tired of being treated so bad
She never got a say in how everybody rescued her as she just sat there

I've been spending all my life being saved and resetting
Sick of all the kidnapping I wanted a new life outside the game
This time, I really wanted to be strong making choices for myself
I wanted a new life outside the game

Oh my, amazing how she found out how
To change the code and bring us here

I only meant to bring me here solo of another hero or two:
And now we've got to save the town from all the villains she let out
And when we do how will we go back
To the game where we belong, oh Princess Plum, please help!

Sorry but I can't go home I've been spending all my life
Being saved and resetting
Sick of all the kidnapping
I wanted a new life outside the game

This time, I really wanted to be strong making choices for myself
I wanted a new life outside the game.



VIDEOACTIVE

We're going home to Ash and Brock. Electric, fire-type, grass, and rock
I want back in my Pokeball (big, happy sigh)

We had our fun, we're giving up.

Ann Arbor's not what we thought it was.

This is it. Time to call it quits. Whoa-oh

It's taking hold. I feel it in my bones. To the land of ones and ohs.

Time to start a new game, start a new game.

Time to start a new game, start a new game.

Whoa, oh, oh, oh, oh, whoa, oh, oh, oh, I'm video-active, video-active

Whoa, oh, oh, oh, oh, whoa, oh, oh, oh, I'm video-active, video-active

We made a stand. It came to blows.

We lost the revolution, I suppose.

By default, I guess we win. Whoa-oa

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Robert
and Nicolás,



Kudos to my
favorite gamers!
Love,
Your biggest fan



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR FAVORITE
CHAIN CHOMP. WE
LOVE YOU! MOM,
DAD & HARRISON

GAME ON

We wanna be the very best. Like no one ever was
To make a game is our real test. To beat it is our cause.
We have traveled across the realm. Put our pride aside
Now Princess Plum is at the helm. She's on the other side

Ga-ame on! (Knights of Evernaught!) It's time to play.
I know we can save the day. Ga-ame on!
Oh, it's not pretend. It's a world we must defend

Ga-ame on! (Knights of Evernaught!) A heart so true
Our courage will pull us through. You teach me, and I'll teach you
Ga-ame on! (Knights of Evernaught!) Knights of Evernaught!

Every challenge across the way, with courage we will face.
We will battle every day to claim our rightful place.
Come with me, the time is right. There is no better team.
Arm in arm, we'll win the fight. It's always been our dream!
You teach me, and I'll teach you. Ga-ame on! (Knights of Evernaught!)
Knights of Evernaught! Ga-ame on!

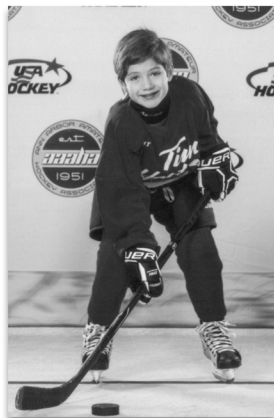


Thalys,

**Bravo! We are
proud of you! Have
fun at Thurston
Play! Love you!**

Mommy and Daddy





We're so proud
of the both of
you!!
Congratulations
Matthieu &
Éloïse

Love, Mom, Dad
& Éléonore



CONGRATULATIONS
ZARYN
AND
LELEIDA
LOVE, MOM AND DAD

We love watching
your confidence,
enthusiasm,
& sweet
moves on
stage!



6 years of
fun
together!
We love you,
beeps!



THAT'S WHY WE DID IT

That's all
That's our show for this year
and we're glad
that you all could be here
And we hope
that we brought you some cheer
That's why we did it.

The set, the director, the script
and the score with a musical hit,
and the guys who worked
backstage or pit.
They also did it.

You sing and dance
and you practice your lines,
Rehearse and rehearse them
a few thousand times.

Never quite sure that it's right
And then curtain up,
'cause it's opening night.

So you smile,
sing and dance like a pro,
Make em laugh,
make 'em yell, steal the show
Then applause, curtain down,
time to go

We'll do it again, next year once again
We'll entertain you.

**Congratulations
Addy! We choose
you Peekabu!**



We are so proud of
you and all that you do.
Break a leg!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Gabe and Pippin



**OUR FAVORITE
CHAIN CHOMP**

...chomp,
chomp, chomp!

Love Mom and Dad

MORGAN

We are
metastasized by
your amalgamated
performance this
evening!



Thanks for
representing the
family on stage this
year!

BREACH A LEG,

Mom, Dad, Lila, MayMay, Grandpa, Nana, & Poppa



*Miriam
and Lisa*

We are so very
happy that you
are in the play
again and having
fun! But even more
excited that we
can do this with
you together.

We love you,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations Piper Conklin!

Sending lots of hugs from your
Florida Grammie & Grandaddy!!

SHOUT-OUTS

Lonk: Looking forward to hearing about
your meow-velous performance.
I know you'll be purr-fect! --Marie

Jaden Boster break a leg! Go Blue! Eek!

Gwen Davis, way to go with stage lights!!!!
Dick Vail, Thanksomuch! -Your Backstage Crew
Kathy Rye, You are greatest curtain puller!!!
Stacy Davis, Props Backstage Queen, hooray!
Tracy Briggs, awesome set painting job!

Nora, you're the star of our game! Love you!

Congrats to Beck and Karma! You did it!

Audrey and Vivianna! We love you! Mommy Daddy

Congrats on your first play, Ella! Mom <3s u!

Break a quill, "Shadow!"
Love, Mom, Dad, Emily, and Rufus

Break a Leg Monkey-Kong!! Love Mom

Congratulations Alex on your 7th play!
You're awesome!

Hannah and Rebekka Port - we ADORE you!

P- We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad & H

Have fun Julia & Amelia! Love you, Mom and Dad

Shannon-Congrats on your 9th yr in the play!

Congratulations on your 12th play Kelsey!

Break a leg you Royal Dorks! the Roches
Felicitaciones Robert y Nicolas! las Tias
Nicolas: Have another great performance! Nana
RSL; great son, great dad and now great actor!

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