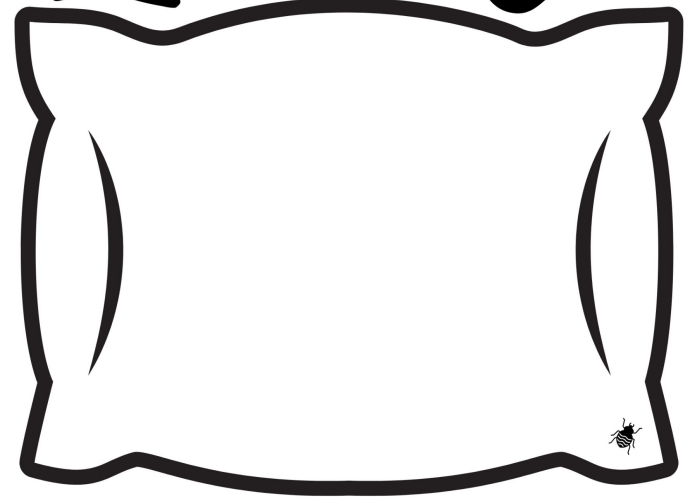


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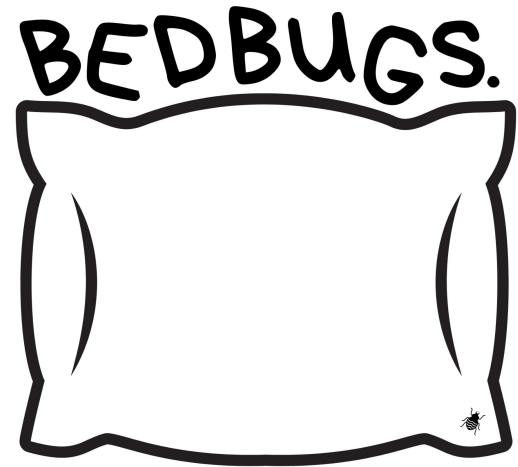


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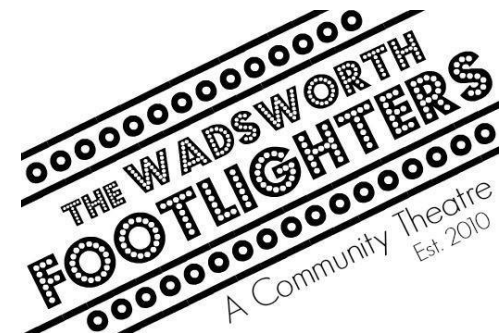
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BEDBUGS
By: Leah Genuario

- Scene 1: Bedtime Story
- Scene 2: Aftermath
- Scene 3: Town Meeting
- Scene 4: Earthquake/Connection
- Scene 5: Peace

Bedbugs is produced by special arrangement with
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Cast:

- Mother Morgen Kyser
- Maire Anna Smith
- Squish Hailey Svenson
- Doodle Quinn Ziska
- Ledoo..... Jet Druley
- Zoop Lauren Stevenson
- Boogle Maizey Wagner
- Mayor Snickles Briella Maurer
- Sam Samuel Fongheiser
- Patsy Maeve Becker
- Peter Toby Liddy
- R Isabel Charles
- X Ruby Pesata
- Penelope Finley Bluey
- Whoops Ollie Liddy
- Extra Bug Town Residents:
- Roc Druley
- Evelyn Enders
- Archer Pesata
- Theo Pesata
- Molly Renner
- Landon Schoonover
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Production Staff/Crew:

Director Cory Ott
Production Staff Erin Bluey
..... Kate Schoonover
..... Jerri Saltz
..... Barb Ott
..... Kasey Ziska
Costumer Kasey Ziska
Tech Crew Heidi Fongheiser
..... Holly Fongheiser



Director's Note:

Hello Friends,

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our production of *Bedbugs*. This is a playful, imaginative tale - beginning in a child's bedroom with a common nighttime rhyme. But as we will discover, this show offers something much deeper: a story about empathy, perspective, and the transformative power of understanding.

At the heart of this show is a simple question: what happens when we stop to consider the world from someone else's point of view? Marie sees herself as a typical child, having fun and thinking deep thoughts. But when the tables turn and we witness the chaos her actions bring to the unseen community, the story becomes far more complex. Suddenly, the "pests" have names, hopes, fears—and voices worth listening to.

This play reminds us that the truth is rarely one-sided. Every conflict, no matter how small or absurd it may seem, has more than one version. And more often than not, we rush to judgment without pausing to understand the other side. In *Bedbugs*, we see what can happen when that pause *does* occur—when characters choose to speak instead of shout, to listen instead of dismiss, to come together instead of divide.

It's a message that couldn't be more timely or timeless. In a world that too often encourages separation over solidarity, *Bedbugs* calls us to recognize the power of community and the courage it takes to resolve our differences peacefully. That growth - both Marie's and the bedbugs' - only becomes possible when they begin to see one another as equals, rather than enemies.

I am so proud of the way our cast and crew have brought this story to life. They've infused it with warmth, imagination, and heart, and I hope you'll find yourself smiling, laughing, and maybe even seeing your own world a little differently by the end of the evening.

Thank you for being here with us. We hope you enjoy the show.

Cory E. Ott
Director

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We are so lucky to have such a wonderful place to practice, hold our monthly board meetings, and present performances... We appreciate them very much!

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Cory Ott, Barb Ott, Kate Schoonover, Erin Bluey,
Jerri Saltz and Kasey Ziska. What GREAT team work!

Thanks to anyone we may have inadvertently forgot.



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