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March 11-14

Virtual Production



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# Miss Nelson is Missing!

ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER

**Directed by**  
Brendan Shea

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# Director's Note

Welcome to our virtual student theatre production of *Miss Nelson is Missing!* The last time QCT produced this adaptation of the beloved children's book, it was live on a real stage (remember those?) For this COVID-era revival, we have embraced the tools of the "virtual stage." This includes the use of green screen and on-camera acting techniques, which our talented ensemble has worked incredibly hard to adopt.



At its heart, the story of *Miss Nelson is Missing!* is about appreciating the positive influences in your life, especially those teachers that strive to make a difference each and every day. This past year especially, teachers have been called up on to make extraordinary efforts, adjustments, and sacrifices to provide safe, effective, and welcoming classrooms for our community's children. It hasn't been easy, and I'm sure there are teachers out there who, like Miss Nelson, have days when they feel underappreciated. And, yes, this definitely includes those homeschool teachers out there. This production is dedicated to them...thank you for continuing to go above and beyond!

Brendan Shea  
Head of Education/ Student Theatre Director

## Special Thanks

Rajah Maples  
Roy Webb  
Parents of the cast



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# Meet the Cast

**Miss Nelson.....Jennie VanDeVelde**

Jennie is excited to be back in a QCT production after a 7 year break. Jennie loves Jesus, her family, and nachos piled high!

**Principal Humleker/Detective McSmogg.....Daniel Conboy**

Dan is excited to be a part of QCT's virtual production of *Miss Nelson is Missing!* Hubba-Hubba-Ho, and to all of you, Yeppee-doodle-do!

**Kimberly.....Eva Hammersley**

Eva is in 4th grade at Edison Middle School in Macomb, IL. She enjoys playing with her gerbil, drawing, and reading.

**LaVita.....Emma VanDeVelde**

Emma is in 3rd grade at Central Middle School. This is her first appearance in a QCT production. She likes horses, and her favorite candy is 100 Grand.

**Phoebe.....Alexandra Phillips**

Alex is a fourth grader at Thomas S. Baldwin Elementary in Quincy. She loves going to school, being creative, and eating chips.

**Raymond.....Zachary Mulch**

Zachary is in 6th grade at Warsaw Elementary School. His hobbies include reading mystery novels, spending time with his family, and collecting sloth everything!

**George.....Kellan Mills**

Kellan is a 4th grader who is homeschooled. He loves basketball, swimming, and elbow macaroni.

**Mouse.....Noah Cunningham**

Noah is a 5th grader at Baldwin Elementary. He loves his dog, Buster, and coding computer games.

**Elvis.....Daxton Holthaus**

Daxton is in sixth grade. He loves comedy, acting, and gaming. He also enjoys spending time developing his YouTube channel.

# QCT Spring Classes

Registration is now open for 2021 spring in-person classes at QCT!

Shakespeare, Improv, Disney adventures, and masks (not the kind you think!) await students this spring at Quincy Community Theatre. There is a full-slate of classes for ages three and up that will run from March 24-May 1.

Class sizes are limited to ensure the highest level of safety for students and staff.



## QCT Little Theatre People

A seasonal class where our youngest performers bring a story to life through creative play. Our spring theme is “Disney royalty.”



## QCT Kids Company

A seasonal class, Kids Company members use guided improv and costume play to re-imagine stories. Our spring theme is “Disney Adventures.” We will explore the Disney collection including Pixar and Star Wars.



## Mask Up!

We’ve all gotten used to wearing face masks -- but did you know theatre has used elaborate, larger-than-life masks on stage for thousands of years!? Let’s make our own crazy theatre masks and act in scenes inspired by them!



## Improv: Yes, and...

Improv is not only a fabulous source of comedy, it’s also the basis for a lot of theatre-making and a great skill to learn. We’ll practice making bold choices, playing hilarious games, and learning to approach life with a “yes, and...” attitude!



## Willy Shakes’ Scene Study

Our Shakespeare classes make the Bard fun, approachable and easy to understand. We’ll do a deep dive into some classic scenes and focus on acting Shakespeare’s language.



## Dramaturgy Club! (Virtual)

This fun and engaging virtual class goes “beyond the book club” and teaches dramaturgical approaches to in-depth script analysis. Together we will read, break down and get to the heart of a curated selection of great plays. Students will be asked to read outside of class time.

**Register at [www.1qct.org](http://www.1qct.org)**