**Chantilly High School**

**Drama Department**

**Press Release**

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**The Chantilly Drama Department Presents…**

**The Man Who Came To Dinner**

**April 29, 30 and May 5, 6 at 7:00 pm**

(Chantilly, VIRGINIA)

            This spring, the Chantilly Drama Department will present Kaufman and Hart’s *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, a hilarious comedy set in the late 1930s. Imagine hosting dinner for a famous celebrity. It could be Ellen, Taylor Swift, or even Oprah Winfrey. Now imagine them slipping on a patch of ice outside the house, injuring their hip, forcing them to spend a month at your house. This is the fate of famous radioman, Sheridan Whiteside, who slips outside the house of the well-to-do factory owner, Ernest Stanley and his family. Chantilly High School Drama’s production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* perfectly captures the chaos that ensues when Whiteside is confined to the Stanley’s house until he recovers, driving his hosts absolutely mad and meddling in everyone’s business.

With the help of his faithful secretary, Maggie, Whiteside deals with the scatterbrained town physician, his frantic nurse, and Mr. Stanley’s eccentric sister Harriet. New surprises and bizarre events appear at every corner, from a box of penguins to a life size sarcophagus. Michael Rosegrant plays the role of Beverly Carlton, one of Whiteside’s outlandish visitors, who is based on real-life Noel Coward. “This is a fantastic comedy in which a hilarious world revolves around a celebrity stuck in a wheelchair at a mansion in the middle of nowhere!” Join this colorful cast of characters as they navigate the web of lies, blackmail, and confusion that continually grows throughout the course of the play. If you’re planning to have Ellen over anytime soon, it would be wise to come see Chantilly High School’s production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* to see exactly what or what not to do!

 The show features a cast of 29 performers, along with student technicians to ensure everything behind the scenes runs smoothly. In addition, the Chantilly Drama Department has partnered with a local food bank, the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries to collect canned food. We are asking show patrons to bring 4 cans of food to the performance they attend and in turn, we will enter their name into a raffle for prizes from local restaurants and businesses.

**Tickets may be purchased online at chantillyhsdrama.com for $10 or at the door for $12**

**Performance Dates:**

Friday April 29th at 7:00 pm

Saturday April 30th at 7:00 pm

Thursday May 5th at 7:00 pm

Friday May 6th at 7:00 pm

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