

Speak out ON pastimes, past, present

Speed

Name: Matt Zak
Age: 22
Hometown: Oregon City, Ore.
Future Career Plans: I plan to finish school at the end of spring term, and then I have a group of friends and we are writing a script for a movie, so we hope that will bring us work and money.
Last movie seen: "Philadelphia." It's about a lawyer who comes down with AIDS and gets fired, so he takes his colleagues to court because he thinks he was fired because he had AIDS ... it's pretty sad but it's a really good movie.
Last book read: "The Hobbit"

What got you started in acting?
 A love of film. I used to watch movies constantly as a kid, and I was pretty hyper as a kid. I had no problem jumping around and role-playing in front of my parents' friends. It just always appealed to me. I was into action movies as a child, but more recently I've gotten into dramatic movies. Then I did drama in high school and took the sequence here at CCC.

Most memorable theatrical experience:
 This is my first play so I guess it would be rehearsals. I never knew that it's such a good tool. My friends and I made a movie that was sold in stores and everything—it's called "Evil Cult" and it's kind of a comedic horror film. We didn't rehearse too much, so now I see it takes a lot of work and then things come so easy.

Describe your character in "The Odd Couple":
 He's sort of an easy-going loud-mouth who's really funny.

How do you relate to your character?
 I relate to Speed quite a bit. He's a really funny guy who's kind of hard on his friends but they know it's in love. He's not too serious, except about poker. He's sort of a loud mouth and I can be too, at times.

Roy

Name: Tony Marcellino
Age: 23
Hometown: Gladstone, Ore.
Future Career Plans: Going to continue pursuing theater and improv comedy. I'm leaning towards going into teaching for more of a grounded career.
Last Movie Seen: "Lost in Translation"
Last Book Read: "Coraline" by Neil Gaiman. It was good—kind of like if Tim Burton did 'Alice in Wonderland.' It was nice and short, too, which was good.

What got you started in acting?
 I started acting my junior year in high school. I didn't think I could do it—too shy. A couple friends of mine auditioned for a play and I had nothing better to do, so I came along and I was cast for a part. From that point on, I auditioned for all the plays. "The Odd Couple" is my first main stage play in college.

Most memorable theatrical experience:
 In a ComedySportz assembly at a middle school in Battleground, Wash. The kids loved us. After the show, we sat there signing autographs.

What's the hardest role you've had to play?
 Junior year, I was in a play called "The Voice of the Prairie." I played both the villain and the hero—the protagonist and the antagonist.

Describe your character in "The Odd Couple":
 Roy is an accountant and I play him pretty nerdy. He tends not to be happy with anything. He is always complaining. Nothing is good enough; it's either too dirty or too clean. He's a pocket protector.

How do you relate to this character in real life?
 I can be a bit nerdy sometimes. One of the biggest ways I can relate is that he is always trying to be funny. He usually fails—I can't relate to the failing part, but I can relate to always trying to be funny.

Vinnie

Name: Bob Alzman
Age: 19
Hometown: Clackamas, Ore.
Future career plans: Southern University, hopefully get a Bachelor of Fine Arts
Last Movie Seen: "Sleepless in Seattle"
Last Book Read: "The Fellowship of the Ring"

What got you started in acting?
 During my junior year in high school, a couple friends were doing a scene to compete in regionals. I reluctantly decided to do it with them. It was coolest thing; we took first place in regionals. I started doing shows my senior year of high school and have been doing it ever since.

Most memorable theatrical experience:
 My first mainstage show, senior year of high school, "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." It was a monologue and the attention was focused all on me, and I felt so vulnerable at that moment.

What's the hardest role you've had to play?
 My role in "A Lie of the Mind." It was challenging because I was shot in the leg, and there was a half-naked girl on top of my lap during Act II. Coming from high school theater and going into that—it was shocking.

Describe your character in "The Odd Couple":
 Speed's always giving me crap, and I always win. I'm the nice, winning guy that everyone hates.

How do you relate to this character?
 One of my good friends is that guy that always wins and you want to punch him in the face. But you still like him; you still want to hang around him. It reminds me of if my friends grew up and we still kept in touch 30 years later; this is essentially what it would be like ... it's mirror of the future.

Gwendolyn Pigeon

Name: Annie Rimmer
Age: 21
Hometown: Mulino, Ore.
Future Career Plans: Graduating from college. Something involving theater—something that pays!
Last Movie Seen: "Sliding Doors" (a British movie with Gwyneth Paltrow)
Last Book Read: "The Marriage of Bette and Boo" by Christopher Durang

What got you started in acting?
 My parents used to make me sing with groups because I was really shy and they didn't want me to be. And, unfortunately for them, I really liked it, so now I'm going to be poor for the rest of my life!

Most memorable theatrical experience:
 In "Crimes of the Heart." I [my character] was trying to commit suicide. I tried to hang myself and it didn't work. I tried to stick my head in the oven and inhale the fumes, and it didn't work. It was pretty funny. I also got to beat up a phone in that play because my ex-husband was on it.

What's the hardest role you've had to play?
 Sonya in "Uncle Vanya." It kept me up nights. She was so sweet and always working.

Describe your character in "The Odd Couple":
 Gwendolyn is the sister of Cecily Pigeon. She is a saucy British woman who tries to live an exciting life in New York with her sister.

How do you relate to this character?
 I am a female. We both have a sister. I like her clothes. She has a good sense of humor. I can definitely identify with her air-headedness sometimes!

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'The Odd Couple' will be performed Feb. 26-28 at 7 p.m., Feb. 29 and March 7 at 2:30 p.m., and March 4-6 at 7 p.m. in the McLoughlin Hall Theatre. Admission: \$8 general, \$5 students and seniors.



LEFT TO RIGHT: "The Odd Couple" cast members: Michael Gerber, Bob Alzman, Tony Marcellino and Matt Zak. Not pictured: Annie Rimmer.