



Wagner College alumni Alex Boniello and Olivia Puckett share the stage as Connor Murphy and Zoe Murphy in the Broadway musical "Dear Evan Hansen."

Olivia Puckett, Instagram

ON BROADWAY

Wagner College grads team up to star in 'Dear Evan Hansen'

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Wagner College alumni Olivia Puckett and Alex Boniello take the stage as Connor and Zoe Murphy, leading Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen" at the Music Box Theatre.

Boniello has stationed himself as the "misunderstood" character of the show since the original Connor, Tony nominee Mike Faist, left the cast.

Until now, Puckett has been an understudy for the show.

Both actors graduated Wagner College in 2013.

Puckett has taken over the role of Zoe Murphy, love interest of Evan Hansen, since Laura Dreyfuss left to pursue Ryan Murphy's Netflix comedy "The Politician." Puckett will have the role for just a few weeks.

This isn't the first time these college buds have shared the stage: "DEH" marks the ninth show Boniello and Puckett have been in together.

Also on that list are Wagner College Theatre productions of "RENT" and Stephen Sondheim's musical

revue, "Putting It Together."

Behind the scenes, fellow Wagner grad Danielle Buccino is the assistant stage manager of "Dear Evan Hansen."

For showtimes and ticket info, visit DearEvanHansen.com.

MORE ABOUT THE SHOW

"Dear Evan Hansen," with music and lyrics written by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, captures the zeitgeist of modern day.

The titular character is a high school senior who suffers from social anxiety disorder, which inhibits his ability to connect with other people and make friends.

After the death of one of his classmates, he fabricates a lie that inadvertently brings him closer to the classmate's family while also allowing him to gain his own sense of purpose.

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