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THE MARSTON AWARD

The Bay Players are proud to sponsor this award, presented annually to one or more local graduating high school seniors active in theatre. Named for founding Bay Players member Everett Marston and his wife Harriet Marston, the accolade was first bestowed in 1972. Any senior from a local high school can apply; learn more at bayplayers.org. Our 2026 winners will be announced in the coming weeks!

1956-2026

This fall, we're thrilled to celebrate seven decades of creating unforgettable stories with you. As we kick off our landmark 70th year, the curtain will rise on three more incredible shows that promise to entertain, inspire and delight. Stay tuned for announcements about what's coming up, and from all of us at The Bay Players, thank you for being part of our tradition.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you next season!



Bay Players is a nonprofit community theatre providing entertainment on Boston's South Shore since 1956. We're serious about the shows we produce, but we don't take ourselves too seriously — our work swings big, is full of heart and has something to say.

We welcome everyone to join us and participate in the thrill of live theatre — onstage, backstage or in the audience!

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Bay Players

CONSCIENCE

WRITTEN BY JOE DIPIETRO
DIRECTED BY PHILIP MARKELLA



MAY 15-23, 2026

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Written by
Joe DiPietro

Directed by
Philip Markella

CAST

Jean Cohen Margaret Chase Smith
Damien Smith..... Senator Joe McCarthy
Brian Cosgrove..... William Lewis, Jr.
Kimberly Menzel Jean Kerr

Live music performed by
Jim Mirotta

SETTING

Washington, D.C.,
the middle of the 20th Century

*The play will be presented with a
15-minute intermission between acts.*

Video or audio recording of this performance is strictly prohibited.

Conscience is presented through special arrangement
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WHO'S WHO

JEAN COHEN (Margaret Chase Smith) is happy to be back on stage with The Bay Players. She's been a member of this iconic theater group since 1990, and has enjoyed performing in a variety of musicals and plays over the years. Jean was last seen on the Bay Players stage in *Rabbit Hole*. She is honored to portray Margaret Chase Smith, a very important "first" woman in the congress and senate of American political history. Jean would like to thank Phil for trusting her with this role and the cast and crew for their hard work and dedication. A big thank you to her husband Jay and her two boys/men Eric and James for their love and support through this process.

BRIAN COSGROVE (William Lewis, Jr.) is delighted to return to The Bay Players stage. He recently revisited his role as Jimmy in *Perfect Arrangement* at North River Theater, having previously performed the role with The Bay Players. Other favorite credits include Mr. Assalone in *The Minutes* and Howie in *Rabbit Hole*. Offstage, Brian works with a wonderful creative team at South Shore Conservatory. He's grateful to be part of this production and thanks his friends, family, and The Bay Players for their continued dedication to thoughtful and engaging storytelling — and all who support community theatre!

KIMBERLY MENZEL (Jean Kerr) is thrilled to be in her first Bay Players production with this fabulous cast and production team. Previous credits include Gertrude in *Seussical* (Inly Players), nun in *Sound of Music* (Company Theatre), Connie Boylan in *Annie* (Inly Players) and *Silly Girl #3* in *Beauty and the Beast* (Inly Players). Kim studies acting with the wonderful Danny Bolton. By day Kim is a Montessori Toddler Teacher at Inly School. She thanks her friends and family for all their support, especially her husband Justinus and her daughters Maya and Lily.

DAMIEN SMITH (Senator Joe McCarthy) is psyched to return for his third Bay Players production! Previously, he shook up Big Cherry's town council as Mr. Breeding in *The Minutes* and perplexed as the polarizing Leonard in *Seminar*. Elsewhere locally, Damien has appeared as the villainous Bill Sykes in Company Theatre's *Oliver!*, Butterworth in *Dracula*, and as a member of the nationally-recognized competitive improv troupe, CSz Boston. Find him wherever Cuban sandwiches are sold.

STEPHANIE BAKER (Stage Manager) has stage managed many things for many groups over the years. Including nuns (multiple times), monsters, twins, the blind, buffalo, lawyers, gardens, orphans (too many times), some guys and some dolls, munchkins, the house, Romans, plants, strippers, an ogre, the insane, lovers, Jesus, Picasso, the circus, Spike, astronomers, elephants, southern ladies, tenors, boys, sisters, Cole Porter, a Morris dancer, scary lavender, parachutes, trains (no roller skates), town council meetings, 1600s actresses, and governors. She would like to thank Peanut & Linus for all their love and support.

PHILIP MARKELLA (Director) was dragged back into theater in 2008, very much against his will, and like an uninvited guest he refused to leave. He conned his way into roles in *On Golden Pond*, *Plaza Suite*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *Six Degrees of Separation*, just to name a few. Looking to up his ante, he turned his sights towards directing, including *The Odd Couple*, *Other Desert Cities*, *Wait Until Dark*, *Don't Drink the Water*, *Same Time Next Year*, *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery* and most recently *Six Degrees of Separation*. He loves being back with The Bay Players, and along with this talented cast and crew, present to you *Conscience*.