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MORTGAGE MELTDOWN: THE MUSICAL

a musical in five acts

SYNOPSIS

Spring, 2004 to Winter, 2012, in an American suburb:
Five households joyously buy homes, then confront unemployment and impending foreclosure as bank executives continue to profit. Throughout the show, the theatre's house manager has a real-time phone call with a bank, trying to modify a home mortgage. At intermission, real housing counselors and reputable real estate professionals are available in the lobby to educate the audience about working with mortgage lenders, services provided by non-profit housing agencies, petitions to lenders and members of Congress, consumer advocacy groups, and resources to assist borrowers.

CAST

Grandpa A Retired history teacher, admires Herbert Hoover
Grandma A Still a hippy, chair of Ladies Historical Society
Mr A Their youngest son, real estate agent, checks the facts
Mrs A His wife and real estate partner, chatty and optimistic
Girl A1 Born 2002, age 9-10, thoughtful, insightful
Boy A2 Born 2004, age 6-7, outgoing, bit of a ham

Mr B Building Contractor, forthright and solidly blue collar
Mrs B Bookkeeper for dental office, sensible shoes
Boy B1 Born 1994, HS senior age 17-18, smug, sarcastic
Girl B2 Born 1997 HS freshman age 13-14, singer, socialite

Mr C Carpenter, young fatherless father, HS dropout
Mrs C Young mother, HS graduate with sporadic low-wage jobs
Boy C Born 2004, age 6-7, quiet, brave, mama's good boy

Mr D1 Elementary teacher, recovering from death of gay lover
Mr D2 Military veteran, speaks in rap or rhyme, marries D1

Ms E Emigration attorney, sister of D2 by adoption

3-5 Bank(st)ers & New Banker Dark suit, white shirt, red tie

HOP (Homeowner On Phone) Theatre mgr, trying to modify loan

Chorus/Ensemble Housing Counselors, Fairies, The Public, etc.