

WHAT THE HUSK IS A RUSK?!

I'm glad you asked. A [rusk](#) is a rectangular, hard, dry biscuit or a twice baked bread, commonly called zwieback. These biscuits are often used in child weaning. They also, apparently, go quite well with garbanzos. The dish plays a pivotal and hilarious role in our fast approaching production of *The Nerd*. The cast had their first practice run through the entire piece tonight and except for about a page and a half being jumped over. It went EXTREMELY well. Although, a certain nephew of mine could stand to jump on his entrances a bit quicker. I'm not one to shirk blame since I was beside him and missed telling him of one of his upcoming moments. But for it being only his second time on stage, he is doing quite well.

I have failed to mention one of my cast mates from *Little Women* who has also had limited stage experience. She plays the role of Clelia Waldgrave, the dim bulbed wife of Warnock (Worncock, Ticky, Tocky, Tacky, whatever his name is) and mother of the precocious Thor. Clelia has some funny moments herself, not the least of which involves dishes.

One of my other favorite parts is played by that guy who has a name that reminds me of an omelet (not to worry Colorado). Axel is one of the characters who shares the secret of the show (to find out what the secret is you have to get your reservations in soon). Some of his on screen antics are sure to bring down the house. "Hideous pagan ritual" indeed.

So... just over a week to go before our production of [Larry Shue's](#) side-splitting comedy *The Nerd* makes its debut, be sure to [reserve your tickets soon](#).