

MAKING WAVES AT DCS



DCS Drama Club Alumni Return to the Stage for “All Together Now!”

On Friday, November 12th, 2021, the DHS Center for Performing Arts was one of 2,500 theaters in 50 states and over 40 countries performing the first-ever Musical Theater International (MTI) fundraising revue entitled, “All Together Now!” To celebrate the return to live theater after COVID-19, Dexter Drama Club joined with MTI to perform their version of this musical revue, inviting DCS Drama Club alumni from 2010-2021 to collaborate on a fabulous line-up of favorite Broadway hits.

Hosted by charismatic 2012 alumnus Patrick Rogers, known for his DCS Drama Club roles of Harold Hill in *The Music Man* and Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*, the evening began with Rogers partnering current DHS senior Haila Moazami on “Pure Imagination” from the musical *Willy Wonka*. Rogers, who now lives in Arkansas, entertained the audience between numbers with his witty showmanship, impeccable timing and detailed alumni backstories.

DCS alums Camden Markel (2021) and Caroline (Buckley) Ewasyshyn (2010) filled the theater with emotion during “Empty Chairs and Empty Tables” from *Les Misérables* and “She Used to Be Mine” from *Waitress*, respectively. DHS senior Toni Butka and sophomore Maria DeMerrell blended their voices on “Seize the Day” from *Newsies*, along with a large ensemble of current students and alumni.

Kieran Grossman (2020) performed a powerful rendition of “This is the Moment” from *Jekyll and Hyde*, and Drew Flattery (2019) and a boisterous ensemble entertained with “Sit Down You’re Rocking the Boat” from *Guys and Dolls*. DHS seniors Emmy Rhizal and Haila Moazami sang the cheeky “Consider Yourself” from *Oliver*, produced by the Drama Club in 2019. John Lamb (2017) and ensemble sang “Be our Guest” from *Beauty and the Beast*, and Taylor (Petri) Yanos (2012) channeled Ellen Green as Audrey in “Somewhere That’s Green” from *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Victoria Ward (2020)’s “Take a Chance on Me” from *Mamma Mia* and Rianna Baker (2016)’s moving “I Dreamed a Dream” from *Les Misérables* rounded out the show’s alumni performances.

Capping the evening’s revue was an outstanding performance of “Seasons of Love” from *Rent* featuring DHS junior Shelly Beach and sophomore Maria DeMerrell, as well as the entire student and alumni ensemble.

MC Patrick Rogers expressed thanks on behalf of the alumni saying, “as an adult, we don’t get to do this anymore. I’m so happy to be back on the stage!” He gave special acknowledgement to Erin Palmer, Dexter Drama Club advisor, for putting together an enjoyable, music-filled evening which brought so many alumni back to DHS.

To see where DHS Drama Club alumni are now, [click here](#) to view the event program.

Upcoming Drama Club Performances:

Romeo and Juliet – February 10-13, 2022

Improv Shows – December 2 & 17, 2021, February 18, 2022 and May 13 & 27, 2022

Footloose – April 28-30 and May 1, 2022

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Student and Alumni Cast



Tech Crew

