2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SHOWCASE

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
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MOVING THROUGH TIME
Technicolor Beat: Music and Lyrics by Oh Wonder
Choreographed by Sofia Rivera

This piece is meant to show a new side of dance that is most times lost in translation. It is an interpretation of stillness contrasted with the power in movement.

SKETCH COMEDY COMMERCIALS
The Thrower Blower by Pete Hovan and Soren Guettler

ELEVATOR MUSIC
By Gwen Uhlhorn and Kieran Ahearne-Kroll | Co-Directed by Gwen Uhlhorn and Pete Hovan

Sadie’s running late for her new job. Leo’s on the way to his. And then there’s the elevator. What could go wrong?

Sadie.................................................................................................................................................................................................................... Gwen Uhlhorn
Leo.................................................................................................................................................................................................................................. Kieran Ahearne-Kroll
Walt Walden........................................................................................................................................................................................................ Dhru Chaney

PASOORI
Ukelele performance by Nabeeha Qadri
Music and lyrics by Ali Sethi and Zulfiqar Jabbar Khan

The word “Pasoori” is a hard word to translate. It is a Punjabi word with many meanings and can be translated as difficulty, conflict, or impatience in English. The song combines themes of separation and heartbreak but also celebrates artistic self-expression through passion and music.

Agg lavan majboori nu  Set fire to your worries
Aan jaan di pasoori nu  To waiting and to hurries
Zehar bane haan teri  If your love is poison
Pee javan main poori nu  I will drink it in a flurry

MALEEAAA IS ALWAYS RIGHT
By Zahir Hassan and Morrow Piper | Directed by Anneli Wilson

Maleeaaa has ordered a caramel mocha, frappuccino with extra goat milk and a pinch of chai latte with a side of matcha leaves plus oat milk on the side at the coffee shop. Will she get what she ordered?

Barista........................................................................................................................................................................................................ Francis Hanna
Maleeaaa....................................................................................................................................................................................................... Elliott Hazzard
Manager...................................................................................................................................................................................................... Zach Berchenko
Walt Walden................................................................................................................................................................................................ Dhru Chaney

PART OF YOUR WORLD - FROM DISNEY’S LITTLE MERMAID
Vocal Solo: Bella Moet
Music and Lyrics by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman

SKETCH COMEDY COMMERCIALS
Dream Glove by Sam Karber and Aiden Ruedigere
Webflix by Miles Coates Cush, Mijles Huebner, Kent Le
Odor B Gone by Sophia Obi and Kate Tuttle

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SEMI-IMAGINARY
By Teagan Fruehling | Co-Directed by Teagan Fruehling and Elliot Gilats
Two people walk into a café. Wait...isn’t that one person — and a floating coffee cup?

Invisible person
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Kieran Ahearne-Kroll
Person A..............................................................................................................................................................................
Verona Danz
Person B and Director............................................................................................................................................................
Elliot Gilats
Person C and Director............................................................................................................................................................
Teagan Fruehling
Friend 1............................................................................................................................................................................
Zack Berchenko
Friend 2.............................................................................................................................................................................
Ella Barlow
Walt Walden.....................................................................................................................................................................
Dhru Chaney

TERE LIYE
Piano Solo: Nabeeha Qadri
Music composed by Madan Mohan and Sanjeev Kohli

WALKING INTO AMALTHEA
By Avery Dayton and Scout Wainwright | Directed by Scout Wainwright
A young girl, Maya, living with her mother in a cottage surrounded by woods for miles experiences a life-changing tragedy
when her mother disappears one fateful morning. In an act of desperation, Maya enters the forbidden woods
and is transferred into a magical world full of sirens, fairies, and the mystery of Amalthea.

Delilah..............................................................................................................................................................................Kate Tuttle
Young Maya.........................................................................................................................................................................Maizy Henretta
Maya...................................................................................................................................................................................Lailee Gaspard
Edith.....................................................................................................................................................................................Echo Ernst
Serena....................................................................................................................................................................................Bella Moet
Will.......................................................................................................................................................................................Everest Anderson
Frederick...............................................................................................................................................................................Maizy Henretta
Calliope................................................................................................................................................................................Avery Dayton
Athena....................................................................................................................................................................................Parker Frosch
Adrien....................................................................................................................................................................................Lucas Messier
Adien.....................................................................................................................................................................................Elliott Hazzard
Walt Walden.....................................................................................................................................................................Dhru Chaney
ARTISTIC STAFF

Director ........................................................................................................ Ed Williams, Jr.
Middle School Art Teacher ............................................................................. Jessica Jones
Lighting Designer ............................................................................................ Zoe Hermer-Cisek
Performance Stage Manager .......................................................................... William Drake
Stage Crew ..................................................................................................... Keli Chen
Light Board Operator ..................................................................................... Tarq Johnson
Sound Effects Operator ................................................................................ Aaryan Bahadur, Scout Wainwright
Sound Board Operator .................................................................................. Ava Doody
Projection Operator ...................................................................................... Ava Doody
Program Design ............................................................................................ Elizabeth Longhurst, Annie Odegard
Photographer ................................................................................................. John Severson

DIRECTOR’S NOTES

It’s wonderful to see middle school students engaging in creative endeavors like writing, directing, and acting. The fact that the one-act scripts cover a broad range of topics and theatrical genres indicates a diverse and exciting program.

This showcase not only provides a platform for the students to showcase their talents but also helps them develop important skills such as collaboration, creativity, and confidence. It’s an opportunity for them to express themselves and gain valuable experience in the world of theater.

A big thank you to the students’ families for their unwavering support, encouragement, and understanding. Their involvement and enthusiasm make it possible for the students to participate in and excel at such remarkable theatrical endeavors. Enjoy this fantastic showcase of middle school talents!

SPECIAL THANKS

Gene Swanson, Matt Edens, Jim Szalzy, Melissa Douden, Eric Severson, Pete Kililibarda and the entire Maintenance Staff, Seamus Glewee and the entire Safety and Security staff, John Cole, Garry Clum, Dr. Luis Ottley, Virginia Andres, Paul Magee, Vito Sauro, Stephanie Holman-Strafelda, Tim Kraack, Tyler Krohn, Anne Odegard, Ami Berger, John Severson, and the cast and crew and their families.

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Director of Technology .................................................................................... Garry Clum
Media/Technology Coordinator ...................................................................... Gene Swanson
Web Manager and Media Coordinator .......................................................... Matt Edens
Director of Operations and Security ............................................................. John Cole
Facilities Superintendent .............................................................................. Pete Kililibarda
Scheduling Supervisor .................................................................................. Melissa Douden
Safety and Security Supervisor .................................................................... Seamus Glewee
Huss Center Production Coordinator ............................................................ Eric Severson