

STUDIO

Student-Directed Series

Tickets: \$5 General Adm.

Note: These performances are fundraisers. Huskie Booster & Good Neighbor Passes cannot be redeemed for these performances

SUNFLOWERS

Sept. 20 & 21 | 7 p.m. Sept. 22 | 4 p.m.
By Lauren Rainey | Directed by Lauren Rainey

A teenager loses herself in a deadly eating disorder and is forced to enter a treatment center for her Anorexia. As she struggles to find recovery, Daphne is faced with challenges regarding her obsessions with food and control. Along the way she meets new friends and mentors that will change her life for good.

LAST SUMMER AT BLUEFISH COVE

Nov. 1 & 3 | 7 p.m. Nov. 2 | 4 p.m.

By Jane Chambers | Directed by Mia Wetzler

A group of queer women spend their summers together in a remote seaside town. Their enclave is disrupted when Eva, a naïve woman separated from her husband, stumbles unaware into their circle and falls for the charming Lil.

PROOF

Feb. 14 | 4 p.m. Feb. 15 & 16 | 7 p.m.
By David Auburn | Directed by Lindsay Chyna

After the passing of Catherine's mathematician father, she begins exploring his work, but is it all really his? The play explores themes of mental illness, sexism, and familial and romantic relationships after it is revealed that a revolutionary discovery of his was actually Catherine's.

GOD OF CARNAGE

Apr. 17 & 18 | 7 p.m. Apr. 19 | 4 p.m.
By Yazmina Reza | Directed by Ian Kedrowski

After a schoolyard scuffle ends in injury, the parents of the boys involved meet to decide how to properly discipline their kids. But as the evening progresses, their once civilized discussion devolves into chaos.

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- Support and celebrate performing arts curriculum
- Encourage, facilitate, and initiate extracurricular and enrichment opportunities for performing arts students

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Mainstage Performances

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Sept. 29-30, October 6-7 | 7 p.m.

By Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields

Directed by Michelle Bayer

Tickets: \$8 Adults / \$6 Seniors and Students

From Mischief, Broadway masters of comedy, comes the smash hit farce. Welcome to opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show—an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences! Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this Olivier Award-winning comedy is a global phenomenon that's guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter!

THE CAMPER (Original Musical)

Nov. 10, 11, 17 & 18 | 7 p.m.

Book and Lyrics by Mark Burns | Music by Nick Kabat

Directed by Linda Burns

Tickets: \$10 Adults | \$8 Seniors/Students

Orphaned and left to fend for themselves, teenager MacArthur Douglas and his older brother Boyd live in a camper. But MacArthur won't let his stark circumstances stop him from asking his classmate and crush, Denise Drummer, to homecoming. The biggest challenge to winning her heart might just be the impending alien invasion that his brother Boyd swears is coming. Set in 1990 in Walnut, Illinois, *The Camper* is a new full-length musical and small-town Midwest gothic story of making it through high school, reckoning with romance and family, and fighting to survive the end of the world.

MEAN GIRLS (Musical)

March 2, 8, & 9 | 7 p.m. March 3 | 2 p.m.

By Tina Fey, Jeff Richmond, and Nell Benjamin

Based on the Paramount Pictures film *Mean Girls*

Directed by Michelle Bayer

Tickets: \$10 Adults | \$8 Seniors/Students

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. But when Cady and her friends devise a "Revenge Party" to end Regina's reign, she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung. Adapted from Fey's hit 2004 film, *Mean Girls* was nominated for a staggering 12 Tony Awards.

UTOPIA

March 14 & 16 | 7 p.m. March 15 | 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Directed by Avi Lessing

Tickets: \$8 Adults | \$6 Seniors and Students

A girl and her mother go to a café to have coffee and ice cream. And while they're there, they listen to an extraordinary set of conversations of various couples that range from the mundane to the ethereal but all seem to ask the questions, how do I want to look back on my life? The answers are curiously poignant, strange, indecipherable, and full of what the philosopher Edmund Husserl calls the ineffable. *Note: In the spirit of Charles Mee's work, the script will be drawn from this play, his other plays, student writing, speaking, dancing, singing and other inexplicable surprises and discoveries.*

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE (Abridged)

May 3-4, 10-11 | 7 p.m.

By Adam Long, Daniel Singer, Jess Winfield

New Revisions by Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield

Directed by James Bell

Tickets: \$8 Adults | \$6 Seniors and Students

This production attempts to perform all the plays of Shakespeare in 90 minutes. Through audience interaction and physical comedy (and occasionally touching moments), this cast of 12 argues about Shakespeare's staleness, while performing 37 plays... in one form or another.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Concert ticket prices (except for Prisms) are as follows:

\$4 Adult/\$3 Senior and Students

Prisms of Winter - \$10 General Admission

**Free Admission*

****Huskie Booster & Good Neighbor Passes cannot be redeemed for these events**

Thursday, October 17 | 5:30 p.m.

Huskie Music Fest**

Tuesday, October 24 | 7:00 p.m.

Concerto Solo Competition

Thursday, November 2 | 7:00 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble Concert

Saturday, November 4 | 7:00 p.m.

Harmony Concert**

Thursday, November 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Choral Concert

Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Prisms of Winter

Tuesday, February 6 | 7:00 p.m.

Jazz Band Concert*

Thursday, March 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Concert and String Orchestra Concert*

Tuesday, March 20 | 7:00 p.m.

Wind Symphonic, Symphonic/Concert Band

Wednesday, March 21 | 7:00 p.m.

Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra Concert

Thursday, April 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Choral Concert

Friday, April 12 | 7:00 p.m.

OPRFHS Ampt Concert

Saturday, April 13 | 7:00 p.m.

Harmony Concert**

Friday, April 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Show Choir Concert

Thursday, April 25 | 7:00 p.m.

Vocal Jazz Performance

Tuesday, May 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Orchestra Senior Farewell Concert

Wednesday, May 8 | 7:00 p.m.

Symphonic/Concert Band*

Thursday, May 9 | 7:00 p.m.

Wind Symphony/Ensemble*

Thursday, May 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Choral Concert

Please note: Published dates and times are subject to change.

We hope to see you this season!

OPRFHS Presents

Orchesis Showcase

Fall
Oct. 20 & 21 | 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22 | 2:00 p.m.

Spring
April 5 & 6 | 7:00 p.m.
April 7 | 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$8 Adults | \$6 Seniors and Students

Spoken Word Showcase

Fall
Nov. 29 | 7:00 p.m.

Spring
May 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 General Adm. (This event is a fundraiser. Huskie Booster & Good Neighbor Passes cannot be redeemed for this event)

Songwriting Showcase

Winter
Dec. 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Spring
May 16 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: FREE

Drama Showcase

Winter
Dec. 14 & 15 | 4:00 p.m.

Spring
May 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: FREE

Noteworthy Showcase

Spring
April 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 Adult | \$8 Seniors and Students (This event is a fundraiser. Huskie Booster & Good Neighbor Passes cannot be redeemed for this event)

30th Annual I.T.S. One Acts Festival (12 hr. Edition)

Spring
April 20 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 General Adm. (This event is a fundraiser. Huskie Booster & Good Neighbor Passes cannot be redeemed for this event)



150th Anniversary Performance

Spring
April 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: TBD