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### **Woodinville High School Theatre Presents: Urinetown**

This February, the Woodinville High School Theatre Company (WHSTC) will bring the Tony award-winning musical *Urinetown*, with music & lyrics by Mark Hollmann Book & Lyrics by Greg Kotis, to the WHS Theater stage. Inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, *Urinetown* is a hilarious musical satire of the legal system, corporate capitalism, social class, and musical theatre itself. The show will run February 1-3, and 8-10 at 7:00 pm, in the Woodinville High School Theater. This show is inventive, clever, and silly, while also delivering thought-provoking messages about the consequences of societal decisions and the unintended outcomes when the little guy stands up against the powers that be.

Described as “hilariously funny and touchingly honest,” the musical is set in a Gotham-like city, where a terrible water shortage - caused by a 20-year drought - has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs - a premise that should be ridiculous, but has a spooky ring of truth to it. From amid the downtrodden citizens, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!

The cast of this production is comprised of 60 Woodinville High School Theatre Company students, including seniors Allan Xuan, Amalie Landry, Bridgette Rutkowski, Carmela Martinez, Casca Bussell, Cavin Ehlert, Dani Petersen, Finn Pearce, Gabriella Lutz, Isabelle Cobbley, Kira Gillespie, Luca South Ciero, Lydia Lomax, Paige O-Leary, Sarah Nitsche, Tyler Hersey, and William Whittington. Many of the technical aspects of the show, everything from set building and sound to publicity, are handled by crews of students from the WHS Technical Theatre program. Technical theatre students include Simon Smith (Stage Manager), Corey True (Assistant Stage Manager), Brielle Harrison (Technical Director and Deck Manager), Allison and Cassidy Hutt (Sound Directors), Grace Long and Anden Walker (Lighting Directors), Jessica Karczeski, Brielle Harrison, and Willa Ruemping (Paint Heads), Fell Gutierrez and Mateo Cabral (Costumers), Luke Harrison and Ellie Robb (Master Carpenters), Janae Arnold (Props Head), Amalie Landry and Lauren Parker (Hair and Makeup), Corinne Arnold (House Manager), and Dani Petersen and Isabelle Cobbley (Publicity). The pit orchestra features seniors Isabel Gonsalves - Trumpet, Maddie Graham - Trombone, Owen Bagley - Percussion, Leo Loeser - Clarinet, Marcus Lam - Violin, and Owen Rose - Saxophone.

The show is directed and designed by Josh Butchart; Music Director is Ariona Thompson; Pit Director is Nathan Rengstorf; Instrumental Directors are Loren Tanksley and Eric Vivel; Choreographer is Eva Stone, with Assistant Choreography by Keoni Dilay; Accompanist and pit keyboards by Beth Bishop. All productions of the Woodinville High School Theater Company are designed, developed and produced by Katharina Bomers-Muller (Producer), Marsha Stueckle & Karen Severson (Costumes),

Stephanie Penoyer (Production Coordinator), Steve Cooper (Lights), Nathaniel Gibbs (Sound), and the Woodinville Drama Boosters, led by Kate Gutierrez. Additional support is provided by the Northshore Performing Arts Center staff, led by Marc King.

We hope you will come out and see this powerful Woodinville High School Theatre Company production and support our students as they will deliver a fun evening of laughter and dance while giving you a glimpse of a dystopian future.

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Woodinville High School Winter Play: Urinetown

February 1 - 3 and 8 - 10 at 7:00 pm in the WHS Theater

Woodinville High School Theater

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Tickets: VIP seats are \$25, General Admission is \$15. Student tickets with ASB are \$10.00. Tickets will be available online starting January 5 at <https://gofan.co/app/school/WA23370>

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