Upcoming productions in the NCHS Auditorium:

Thespian Troupe 613
Benefit Performance
"27 Reasons Not to be in a Play"
March 6 & 7

A Capella Night

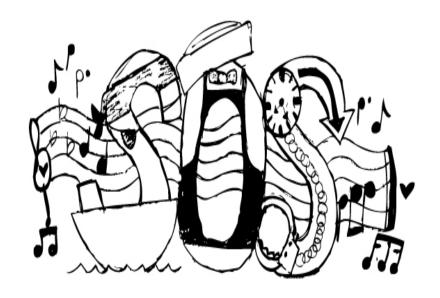
March 13

NCHS Musical *Cinderella*

April 16-18 & April 23-25

Thank you to everyone for a terrific 2008—2009 in theatre!

Look for the fall play selection in the Musical program.



STUDENTS ON STAGE XXXVII

FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2009

NCHS AUDITORIUM

THE NCHS
STUDENT WRITTEN & DIRECTED
ONE-ACTS

Students On Stage is an interesting animal; on one hand, it represents the, well, possibly less lofty impulses of the average teen. They love it because it's a lighter schedule and workload, the director is their peer, they can slack a bit, and it's just for fun. On the other hand, what you see tonight is strictly student work. The faculty guide but do not direct. These students have written these scripts, composed this music, directed these actors, and organized this show. This represents the very noblest inclinations of this great group of students. They are creative, hard working, talented, and very dedicated to the art form, and that makes me proud.

Perhaps the two sides aren't as opposite as I might think. These "average teens" are having fun specifically because SOS is all about them. For many of them this represents their first attempts at creating a public work. As we say in our pre-show company meetings (with thanks to the director who taught it to me):

"Never be ashamed to be called an amateur when doing theatre. The word amateur is derived from the Latin root *amare*, to love. Therefore, an amateur is one who does something simply for the love of it – and what better reason could there be to do theatre?"

Thank you to the students, parents, family and colleagues who helped to make this show possible. I consider it a privilege to be a part of this program.

Kevin Yale Vernon

NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE HOUSE POLICIES

Welcome to the Normal Community High School theatre. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with our house policies.

- Doors will be open to the public one half hour prior to the curtain time.
- Late arrivals may be held in the lobby until a time designated by the director. Late seating is at the discretion of the director and may vary.
- Normal Community High School and its grounds are SMOKE-FREE.
- Due to contractual agreement, recording devices of any kind are not allowed. Flash photography is strictly prohibited.
- Pagers and cell phones must be turned off.
- A variety of refreshments are available during intermission in the theatre lobby. Please be aware that no food except water is allowed back into the theatre.
- Please do not leave during the performance, as you may not be able to re-enter the theatre during the show.
- Please do not talk during the performance, rattle wrappers, or otherwise disturb fellow audience members and actors.
- Any child four years or older must have a ticket. If you have an infant or toddler, please be considerate and remove them if they are disruptive.
- Anyone needing special seating due to health or physical problems please contact Ms. Vernon at vernonk@unit5.org, or call 728-5000 ext. 4904

^{*} indicates a member of Thespian Troupe 613

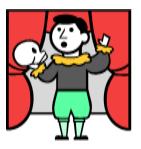


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Thanks for sixteen years of DRA-MA!

Happy Birthday!

Love, The Family



A COMEDY OF ARRRS

Playwright: Zach Schrad*

Directors: Dennis Silva* & Greg Fruin* Assistant Director/SM: Kristen Woodside

Assistant SM: Drew Underhill

CAST

Radley Smythe Cameron Touchet

Louis Dread Ryan Kimbrell

Thomas Scarr Nate Titus Reginald Bloodsmeare Josh Steffes Sophie McPhearson Elsa Torner Lanky Nibs Van Horne Storm Angone Casey Durbin Clive Morgan Amanda Romath Andrea Henderson Alex O'Mohn Drew Underhill Glenda McCoy Briana Bryant

Steak N' Shake

Playwright: Dana Anderson*

Assistant Director/SM: Molly Briggs

Assistant SM: Tom Hunter & Jordan Sigunick Directors: Rachel Paturi & Heather Price*

Cast

Emily Taylor "Tweak" Walters-Chapman

Ryan Storm Angone

Next Time?

Playwright: Ali Drumm * Directors: Michelle Wiggins*

& Sable VanDermay-Kirkham

Stage Manager: Ali Drumm*

Cast

The Man Dylan Hile-Broad
Jack Spencer Ludwig
Bitsy Betsy Diller*
The Cop Adams

Love Story: The Musical

Playwright/Composer: Kiki Cavanagh* Directors: Kiki Cavanagh* & Adam Steinke

Stage Manager: Adam Steinke Orchestra Conductor: Nate Titus

Assistant SM: Austin Tempel, Careshmeh Lowe, Jordan Jolly

Cast

Melody Kraft Dana Anderson*

Jason Carmichael Matt Everly

Samuel Horton Sheldon Aaron

Soprano #1/Annie Ali Hayen

Soprano #2/Penny Lauren Guttschow Alto #1/Catherine Colleen Thomas Chelsea/Mrs. J/Preacher Casey Grogg Ben Jordan Jolly Tenor #1/Bill Drew Underhill Bass #1/Frank Storm Angone Bass #2/Dennis Alex Warren Piano Rachel Gibson Violin I Hannah Perhai Violin II Lily Rutherford Ji-Eun Park Cello

Trumpet

Spencer Powell



Special Thanks

The NCHS Drama Mamas and Drama Dads

Unit 5 Maintenance:

Tom Rockwell

Zach Pacha

The Crew

The NCHS Music Department

The NCHS Administration:

Dr. Jeanette Nuckolls

Dave Bollman

Mike Clark

Mike Gourley

Dennis larsen

Beth Topping

The NCHS Greenhouse Club & Mrs. Byers

Katy Perry

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Overture	Orchestra
Back to School	.Bill , Annie, Catherine, Dennis, company
As I Dream	Melody
Secretly I Love her	Jason
Think Bill	Sam
Why Me?	Melody
Light one Candle	Jason, Melody, Sam
Finale (Love Story) Part	IMelody
Finale (Love Story) Part	Jason, Melody, Frank, Catherine,
·	Company



BREAK A LEG DREW!
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.
LOVE, KEVIN AND MOM

Tech crew

Producer Kevin Yale Vernon

Tech Director Sean Kerr Light Design John Cargill

Props

Sound Design Brian Bollivar & Grant Gordon Light & Sound crew Brian Bollivar, John Cargill

Kiki Cavanagh*, Grant Gordon

Cory Allen Harper Annaliese Quistgaard

David Vernon Austin Tempel Dennis Silva*

Set crew chief Dennis Silva*
Costumes Sable VanDermay-Kirkham
Makeup/Hair Leesa Byrd*, Jasmine Byrd
Student Tech Liaisons Brian Bollivar, John Cargill

Cory Allen Harper Annaliese Quistgaard

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Congrats Lauren; we just love to hear that beautiful voice!!!





Playwrights, 1 to r: Kiki Cavanagh*, Dana Anderson*, Zach Schrad*, Ali Drumm*





Orchestra, l to r, top: Lily Rutherford, Nate Price, Rachel Gibson, Hannah Perhai; bottom: Spencer Powell, Ji-Eun Park

Dirs, Assist. Dirs, SMs, I to r, top: Heather Price, Dennis Silva*, Sable VanDermay-Kirkham, Michelle Wiggins*, Rachel Paturi; bottom: Kristen Woodside, Adam Steinke, Kiki Cavanagh*, Molly Briggs