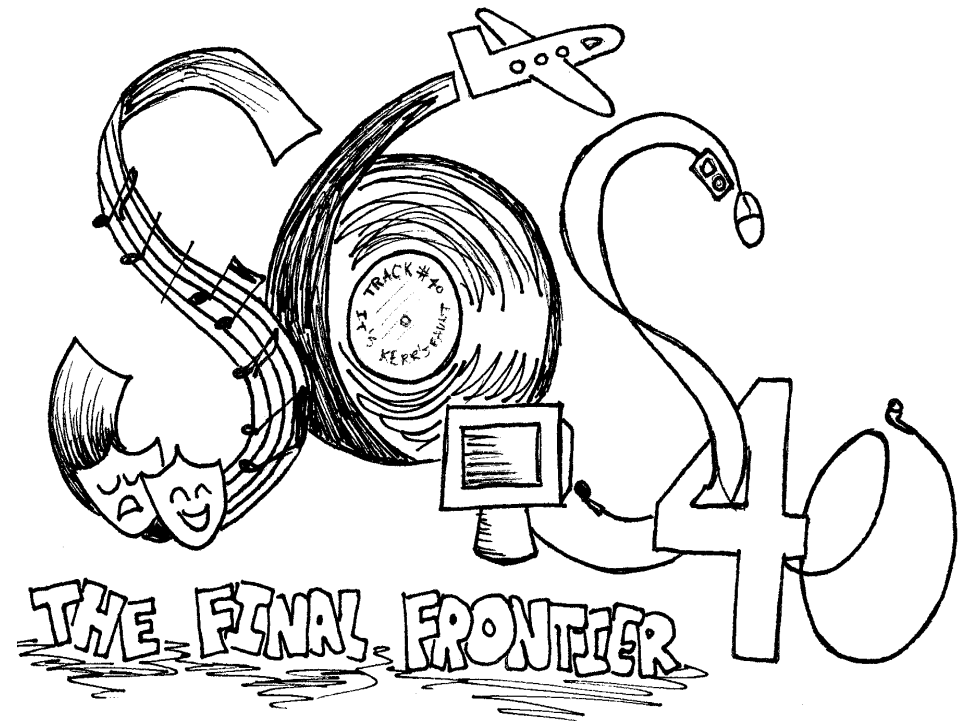


Normal Community High School Theatre
presents

SPECIAL THANKS

- *The Drama Mamas & Drama Dads—this show could never have happened without you*
- *The Parents of Cast & Crew for the food, time, ads, support, & patience for the long hours*
- *The NCHS Administration: Dave Bollman, Nikki Maurer, Dennis Larsen, Josh Fabish, and Anthony Clark*
- *The NCHS Custodial Staff, especially Zach Pacha & Joe Pulliam*
- *The NCHS Music Department: Ben Luginbuhl, Jo Lynn Robinson, Lance Meadows, Chris Bence*
- *Pizza Hut*
- *La Gondola*
- *Sean Kerr*
- *Emma Wilson*
- *Nick Sparks*
- *Spouse*

Thank you for supporting the arts in Unit 5. The discipline and creative problem-solving skills provided by music, dance, art, and theatre provide our students with skills that serve them the rest of their lives in many different careers. Your participation in this production is an investment in our community, and our future.



Presented to you by the students of
Normal Community High School

January 31, February 1 & 2, 2013
7 p.m. NCHS Auditorium

Students on Stage 40

January 31, February 1 & 2

The annual *Students on Stage* productions at Normal Community High School are 100% presented to you by students. The shows in this program are written by the students, directed by the students, and acted out by the students. With the help of Theatre Dept. Director Kevin Yale Vernon, these plays allow students to see their work come to life before their eyes.

Around late October each year, a playwriting competition is opened to anyone in the school. Given those submitted, an anonymous group of teachers “judge” the student-written shows. From this process, the leading plays are picked to be produced on the Normal Community stage. Students interested in directing then apply for the job, and a few weeks later, auditions are held to pick a cast for each selected show.

A month of dedicated work later, the shows are performed.



Are you an NCHS student who wants to become involved, or the parent of a student? Then check out our web page at

old.unit5.org/nchs/drama

for all of the latest news, past seasons, photos, drama club minutes, links to the state theatre festival and more.

Join the **Normal Community High School Theatre** Facebook group or follow **@NCHSDrama** on Twitter.

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 directors. Late seating is at the discretion of the directors 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 Kevin Yale Vernon at vernonk@unit5.org

What's coming up on the NCHS Stage?

A Cappella Night	Feb 22
Spring Experimental	Mar 14-16
<i>The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later</i>	
Musical	April 11-13, 18-20
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	
Jazz Night	May 3
Shakespeare Shorts	May 11



ALANNA,
Every day you add to the
pile of reasons we are so
proud of you!
Love, your family.

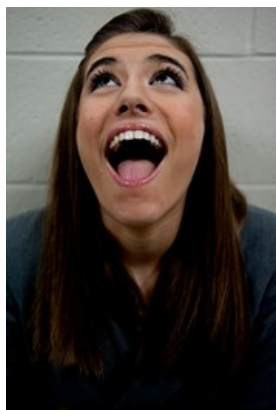
Logan,
So humbly proud of our little
starlet...Break a leg and have whatever
kind of performance you are going to
have.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Lauren



**Congrats on your Directorial
Debut, Natalie – have fun being the
“boss lady”! We love you and are
so proud of you!**

Mom, Dad, Ross, Nigel, Nani and
Mr. Barclay

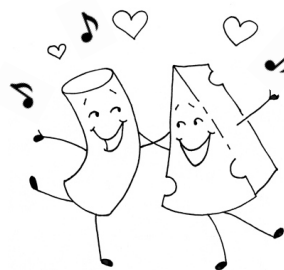


Directors' Notes: Act I

“Anonymous”

Although you might think that this show is just your average high school musical, “Anonymous” is so much more than just “boy meets girl, they sing a song, and they fall in love.” In fact, they sing three songs, all of which are original compositions by the beautiful Anna “Ducky” Joaquin. This is a show about loneliness, fear, hope, rejection, betrayal, murder (No, just kidding!) and ultimately– finding yourself through love. What Abby and Steve learn is that to love someone else, you have to first love yourself. All in all, this play is a fun ride, and we hope you enjoy it! Because watch out– It's cheesier than Panera Mac-N-Cheese. Over and Out.

-Alanna Santiago & Kellie Nolan



“Connected”

Set in an advanced society in which all communication is done by means of technology, “Connected” revolves around a boy who wants to try a whole new way of communication, all the while dealing with his crazy ex, his intruding friend, and his new love interest. Though to the characters, this plotline is quite serious, the show intends to poke fun at our current society's dependence on technology and suggest that without technology, we may have time to focus on the little things in life. Though it can be hard to wrap your head around this alternate universe, we hope that you can truly find the characters hidden behind their phones, and the brilliant portrayals our cast has put to them. We thank you so much for the endless support and belief in our show, and we hope that we have made a lasting impression. Enjoy the show!

-Gaby Garriss & Ian Cessna



P.S. You'll understand the picture after the show.

Directors' Notes: Act II

"In My Day"

"In My Day" is a heart warming and moving experience. The play is about a grandfather and his grandson who overcome their differences in age and generations. We decided to direct this show because we found the beauty in overcoming our own personal experiences and finding comfort in the things that are timeless. A huge lesson that we have learned through this show is that we can always find common ground among ourselves. As seniors graduating and soon moving to college, we find that holding on to the relationships with our families is something to treasure forever. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

-Meg Keogh & Taylor Garrett



"Here at Gate A7"

"Here at Gate A7" is one of the most unique student written plays we have ever read. The mixture of both playful, loving, and deep moments make this show truly captivating and incredibly relatable. It not only shows a glimpse into the lives of average people, but also shows how even average people have busy lives and can't always take the time to stop and smell the roses. It gives us an interesting look to those in and out of our country. This show is *short*, but we guarantee it isn't meaningless. You may walk away with a new mind set. It may be hard to think about, and you may curse us for shedding a new light on a very important topic. However, if you go home with this show on your mind, we have done our job. Thank you so much for attending this show, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed working with our lovely cast and crew, wonderful producer, and our determined fellow directors. Have a great flight!

-Natalie van Dongen & Kristin Dougall



Thank you for being a part of this amazing experience.



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**To get more information,
or to see photos from this show,
stop by the table in the lobby
during intermission or after the show.**

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Technical Team

Producer
Stage Manager
Light Design
Light Board Op
Sound Crew/Board Op
Set Design
Props Master
Program Cover Design

Kevin Yale Vernon
Lauren Schmitt*
Wes Ludwig*
Asa Church
Rayven Brady
The Directors
Tori Moss
Alanna Santiago*

Props/Stage Crew

Ali Harvey
Victoria Smith
Austin Savage
Brooke Vogel
Eric Herrling
Tyler Stark

Drew Burningham
Dylan Donohue
Jake Muzzarelli*
Katie Grogg
Daniel Imode
Devin Rodlund

Jeff Smudde
Lacy Nussbaum
Mary Kate Moore*
Taylor Garrett
Alexys Ogorek
Hallie Martin-Chadwick

Light Crew

Asa Church

Wes Ludwig*

Eric Herrling

Sound Crew

Rayven Brady
Devin Rodlund

Kristin Dougall
Alexys Ogorek

Maya Hansen
Kelly Sopek



Congratulations Ian! We're very proud of you and can't wait to see the results of your creativity and hard work! We Love You!

Mom, Dad & Lexi

To the cast, writers, directors, and crew of the S.O.S. shows:

Break a leg!

Have a blast!

**Tami Martin & Roger Day
(Hallie "Lizzy" M-C's parents)**

NCHS Theatre Supporters: FUND A COMFY SEAT!



**Your \$5.00 contribution funds
a padded seat for our
"black box" folded chair seating!**

**Contribute now – then try out the
cushioned seats for the Spring Play:**

***The Laramie Experiment:
Ten Years Later***

March 14-16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

And see your name in the program!



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Corner of Vernon and Towanda

Cast & Crew: Act I

“Anonymous”

Abby	Logan Guttchow
Steve	Trent Winsor
Kenzie	Devin McCloskey
Lizzie	Hallie Martin-Chadwick
Mom	Ali Harvey
Mr. Arnaz	Tyler Stark
Ms. Ball	Kelly Sopek
Maria	Melissa Mahan
Tony	Dylan Donohue
Students	Jordan Page
	Jowonis Edwards

Director
Musical Director
Assistant Director
Assistant Stage Manager/Understudy

Written by:

Alanna Santiago*
Anna Joaquin*
Kellie Nolan*
Alexys Ogorek
Maya Hansen
Anna Joaquin*

“Connected”

The Boy	Daniel Imode
The Girl	Cheylane Brown*
The Friend	Jordan Page
The Ex	Katie Grogg
The Teacher	Katelynn Shennett*
The Student	Terrance Nicholas

Directors
Assistant Stage Manager/Understudy

Written by:

Gaby Garriss*
Ian Cessna
Bree Lehnner
Kyle Aschbrenner
Ian Cessna

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

*denotes Member of Thespian Troupe 613

Cast & Crew: Act II

“In My Day”

Ernest	Drew Burningham
Richard	Jeff “Fluffy” Smudde
Charlie	Jake Muzzarelli*
Melanie	Tori Moss
Nurse	Katelynn Shennett*
Grace	Lacy Nussbaum

Directors

Assistant Stage Manager/Understudy

Written by:

Meg Keogh*
Taylor Garrett
Dylan Donohue
Brooke Vogel
Trent Winsor

“Here at Gate A7”

Father 1	Austin Savage
Mother 1	Victoria Smith
Daughter	Katelynn Shennett*
Son	Kyle Aschbrenner
Young Man	Jake Muzzarelli*
Young Woman	Mary Kate Moore*
Business Man	Jowonis Edwards
Father 2	Terrance Nicholas
Mother 2	Brandi Zimmerman
Jacob	Drew Burningham
Thomas	Nicholas Bean
Sarah	Melissa Mahan
Teen 1	Logan Guttchow
Teen 2	Devin McCloskey
Elderly Man	Trent Winsor
Elderly Woman	Cheylane Brown*
Airline Hostess	Lacy Nussbaum
Soldier	Jordan Page

Directors

Assistant Director
Assistant Stage Manager/Understudy

Written by:

Natalie van Dongen*
Kristin Dougall
Brandi Zimmerman
Tyler Stark
Aly Spray
Rachel Hile-Broad