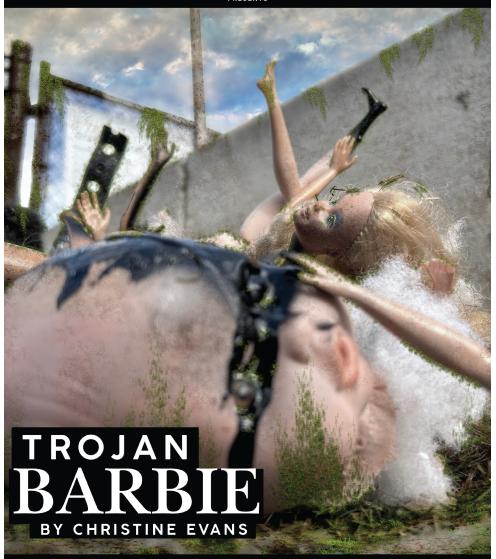
The Moreau Catholic High School

Visual- Performing Arts Department

PRESENTS



TEVES THEATRE MOREAU CATHOLIC

DIRECTED BY PATRICK ALPARONE 'OO

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION \$10 SENIORS \$5 MCHS STUDENTS

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3, 2024

"TROJAN BARBIE" IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS
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ABOUT THE PLAY

Trojan Barbie is described by playwright Christine Evans as a car-crash encounter between past and present, based on Euripides' classic tragedy Trojan Women. Trojan Women depicts the aftermath of the Trojan War and its effect on the surviving women of Troy. Euripides is one of the famous Athenian playwrights whose works still remain. His plays were often critical of Athens, an aspect that earned him much criticism, and Trojan Women is no exception.

The Trojan War was a ten year war between the Greeks and the Trojans. It began when the prince of Troy, Paris (Hecuba's son), abducted Helen of Sparta, wife to King Menelaus. Paris brought Helen to Troy and was soon pursued by the entire Greek army which then laid siege to the city.

The war continued to rage and Paris was killed by the Greeks. With no end in sight Odysseus, a Greek general, came up with the idea of the Trojan Horse. The Greeks hid men inside the horse and then left it as a prize for the Trojans and a symbol of their surrender. The Trojans then brought the horse inside the city and began to celebrate.

Only Cassandra (Hecuba's daughter, sister to Paris), the cursed prophet of Apollo, saw the truth behind the Horse. She tried to warn her people against taking it into the city, but they did not heed her. That night, the Greeks ransacked the city and killed the Trojan king Priam (Hecuba's husband), winning the Trojan War.

Playwright Christine Evans says, "*Trojan Barbie* was inspired by the strange feeling of living in a country waging a war we only experienced through media images and stories. And those images—Biblically ancient villages with garish neon signs; shepherds with AK47s; women weeping over dead children clutching cellphones—evoked the surreal postmodern collision of times that *Trojan Barbie* dramatizes."

Moreau Catholic High School's production of *Trojan Barbie* features a brand new version of the script specifically edited by Evans for high school performers and audiences. This is the world premiere of this version of the play. Christine is a professor of performing arts at Georgetown University and her award-winning plays and operas have been produced in the United States, Australia, Canada, England and Wales. We were honored to welcome her to Moreau Catholic in September 2024 to work with our students on this new adaptation. For more information on Christine, please visit www.christineevanswriter.com.

Please note that Trojan Barbie features mature themes related to war and violence as well as strong language. Actors will be carrying non-firing replica weapons onstage. Atmospheric haze will be used during this performance.

SETTING

Mythic Troy; modern Troy; and Lotte's doll hospital in England

TIME

The past, folded uneasily into the present.

CAST

Trojans		
Hecuba	Sarah Suero Lopez '25	
Understudy for Hecuba		
Polly X	Bernadette Gamboa '26	
Cassandra	Ivanka Menezes '27	
Understudy for Cassandra	Arshia Singh '26	
Andromache	Maya Cavestany '25	
Clea	Hanne Shirriff '26	
Esme	Amelie Ruiz '27	
Zoe	MJ Jones '28	
Ayla	Arshia Singh '26	
Evangeline		
Jane	Izzy Pereira '27	
Ella		
The Others		
Helen	, , ,	
Lotte		
Mica		
Armed Soldier		
George		
Max	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
Talthybius		
Menelaus	•	
Clive	*	
Officer in Blue/Bartender	Anthony Cascone '27	
CREW		
Stage Manager	Mandee Iyer '27	
Deck Captains	Noah Rocheford '27, Joshua Yegge '26	
Assistant Stage Managers		
	Qiana Walker '28	
Stage CrewJohana	a Centeno '28, Alexander Sanchez '25	
Wardrobe Crew		
Lighting Crew		
Sound Crew		
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As a courtesy to others, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

The taking of photographs or video recording during the performance is strictly prohibited.

No food or drink is permitted in Teves Theatre.

Trojan Barbie runs approximately 90 minutes with no intermission.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director	Patrick Alparone '00
Production Manager	Heather Radovich '09
Set Design & Construction	
Costume Design	
Lighting Design	Heather Radovich '09
Master Electrician	Jacob Nagel '16
Sound Design	Patrick Alparone '00
Properties	Heather Radovich '09

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UPCOMING VAPA PERFORMANCES

