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The ART Beat

..... TUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Instrumental Music

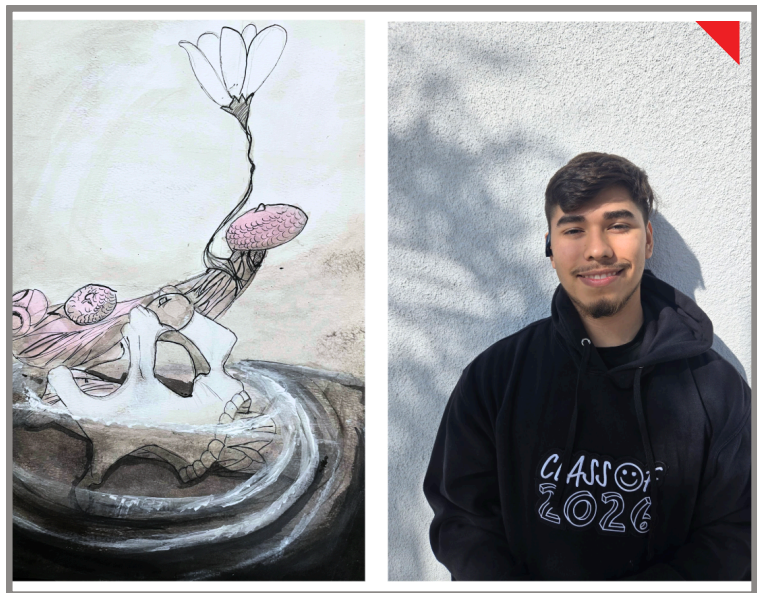


Lissete Hernandez

Lissete Hernandez is a dedicated member of the Tustin High School Instrumental Music Program, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Winterguard over the past three years. Now a junior, she works tirelessly to strengthen her musicianship and continues to grow in every ensemble. **This year, she serves as our Drum Major, the highest leadership role in the band and has taken on extensive responsibilities to keep the program running smoothly.** Over the summer, she attended a three-day Drum Major camp at Vanguard University to refine her skills, and at this year's Tiller Days parade, she proudly earned 3rd place in the Drum Major caption.

Written by Mr. Fisk

Drawing & Painting



Jared Maldonado

Our student spotlight of the month is Jared Maldonado, a senior in AP Drawing and Vice President of Art Club. Jared's art often takes inspiration from the natural world, researching animals (both modern and prehistoric) in order to create new creature designs and ecosystems for them to inhabit, showing "how it would actually live and make it feel real." Art has been an important part of Jared's life, providing entertainment and expression. **"Sometimes people, like myself, aren't able to express their thoughts or feelings in the conventional way, or know how to put said feelings or thoughts into words. This is where I believe art comes into play, and is the medium to allow one to express that without having to say it out loud."**

Written by Ms. Pinter

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Tiller Theatricals



Welcome to Season 104 of Tiller Theatricals!

Our thespians dove into a packed first semester, hitting the ground running with an October debut of *The Tiller Zone*. This student-written, directed, and designed production whisked audiences back to the 1990s, straight into the world of mall culture and the eerie urban legends hidden within long-forgotten shopping centers.

The show delivered gasps, laughs, and the occasional well-timed scream from our wonderfully supportive audiences.

No sooner had the curtain fallen than we shifted gears to something a bit more lighthearted: original stories composed by 2nd and 3rd graders.

Tiller Tales: Stories from Tomorrow's Authors united our troupe with students from Beswick, Sycamore, and Nelson elementary schools, bringing young writers' imaginations to life onstage. Our performers found joy in entertaining wide-eyed audiences, spreading laughter, creativity, and a spark of inspiration to future writers, and perhaps future thespians, too!

Written by Ms. Williamson

Visual Imagery



Visual Imagery Wins Grant to Expand Film Education

The Tustin High School Visual Imagery Department recently received an exciting boost to its photography pathway. Our program won a grant from the Tustin Community Foundation to purchase additional film cameras and expand film education for our students. The award was presented at the Tustin Mayor's Thanksgiving Breakfast, an event that brings together city, county, school district, business, and nonprofit leaders to celebrate community impact.

This grant allows us to continue building a full class set of film cameras so students can learn the traditional photographic process through hands-on practice. Many students experience film photography for the first time in our classes, and this equipment strengthens their understanding of exposure, composition, and image-making. Visual Imagery continues to grow as we expand creative and career-focused opportunities for students.

Tustin High was also well represented among this year's additional recipients. **The THS Associated Student Body, the Tustin High Baseball Program, Concert Choir and Advanced Treble Choir, the Graphic Design program, and Tustin Instrumental Music** all earned Community Grants from the Tustin Community Foundation.

Written by Mr. Maldonado

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1 - December 6

December 5
Old Town Tustin Tree Lighting
7:00pm

December 5
Winter Assembly
12:17- 1:17pm



December 7 - December 13

December 10
Tiller Theatricals Open House
3:45pm - 4:45pm



December 14 - December 20 | Finals Week

December 17
Periods 0, 1, 4
7:26am - 12:51pm

December 18
Periods 0, 2, 5
7:26am - 12:51pm

December 19
Periods 3, 6
8:30am - 12:51pm

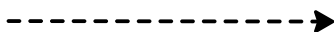
December 21 - January 5



Winter Break



Get To Know



Mr. Fisk



Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I've been teaching for 19 years.

Q: Where did you go to college, and what was your major?

A: I went to Chapman University and studied Music Education.

Q: What was your favorite subject? (besides your own)

A: History

Q: What's your favorite genre of music?

A: Classical and Jazz

Q: What was your first job?

A: My First job was working at a 2000 Seat Performing Arts Theatre.

Q: Do you have any special talents or hobbies?

A: I like to do home improvement projects for myself and my family.

Q: Are you a coffee or tea person? Or both?

A: Coffee

