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Tragic Love Story to Unfold at Madeira High School

Madeira Theatre Arts presents *Romeo & Juliet* November 13 - November 15 at Madeira High School. It's the tale of two young lovers from feuding families who fall in love at first sight but whose love is ultimately doomed. This version of the ultimate love story has been adapted by Tim Wright into 90 minutes while keeping all of the original language the same.

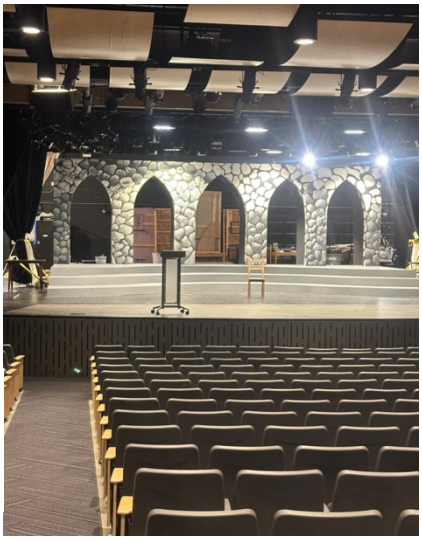
The story takes place in the 14th century in the town of Verona, Italy, where one unwritten law must be obeyed: there cannot be peace between the Capulets and the Montagues. Nevertheless, star-crossed love springs from the rift between them, bringing disastrous results for the young lovers and their families after they secretly marry. Romeo will be played by **Dustin Opichka** and **Jocey Rindels** will play Juliet. **Sophia Marston** has been cast as the Nurse, **Boden Starr** as Mercutio, and **Carly Masterson** as Benvolio. Friar Laurence and Paris will be played by **Tyler Bayer** and **Asher Schilling** will take on the role of Tybalt. Other featured players are **Nolan Hemler, Charlotte Seelmeyer, Ava Grace Lampe, Gordon Green, Hailey Wood, Ellie Weinkam, Rylan Starr, Sloan Slaughter, Ryleigh Okura**, and **Linda Watson.**

"When I first saw this play performed professionally, I was struck by how comedic it actually is," stated Madeira Theatre Arts Director **McKenna Flores**. "While this is a historically classic love story and written as a tragedy, much of the writing is funny. These students have embraced the language and have worked hard to find the nuance and humor in The Bard's writing."

A special performance for the senior citizens of Madeira will be presented Wednesday, November 12. The musical is from 10-12 pm with doors open at 9:15 am. Breakfast will not be served but an optional $5 lunch will be served in the high school cafeteria immediately following. Call 891-8222 for reservations.

Community performances will be held November 13 and 14 at 7 pm, and November 15 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are available at www.madeiracityschools.org

All performances of *Romeo & Juliet* will be held in Medert Auditorium at Madeira High School, 7465 Loannes Drive.



Madeira High School's Medert Auditorium being turned into Verona, Italy