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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:30am Load-in Show 1
8:40am Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 1, 2, 3)
9:10am Load-in Shows 2, 3
9:45am Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy // *Lockdown*
11:00am Hickory Ridge High School // *Dreamscapes*
12:15pm Piedmont Community Charter School // *Traditional Gift*
1:20pm Load-in Show 4
1:30pm Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 4, 5, 6, 7)
2:00pm Load-in Shows 5, 6, 7
2:30pm West Cabarrus High School // *Every Babysitter's Nightmare*
3:45pm JT Williams Secondary Montessori School // *The Book of Everything*
5:00pm Watauga High School // *Every Seventeen Minutes The Crowd Goes Crazy!*
6:15pm Cape Fear Academy // *The Radium Girls*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:20am Load-in Show 8
7:30am Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 8, 9, 10, 11)
8:00am Load-in Shows 9, 10, 11
8:30am East Henderson High School // *09:02:59 AM*
9:45am Gaston Christian School // *The Play That Goes Wrong*
11:00am Watauga High School // *Almost, Maine*
12:15pm Palisades High School // *Reel Times at Somerset High*
1:20pm Load-in Show 12
1:30pm Tech Meeting (mandatory for shows 12, 13, 14, 15)
2:00pm Load-in Shows 13, 14, 15
2:30pm Charlotte Country Day School // *Lost Girl*
3:45pm Cape Fear Academy // *The Varsity Line*
5:00pm Palisades High School // *Crafting a Killer*
6:15pm Hendersonville High School // *Where Broken Things Gather*
8:30pm Awards Ceremony

ADJUDICATORS

DANA ALDERMAN

Dana Alderman is an award-winning actor and director who has been involved in theatre for almost fifty years. He is especially proud of his career as a theatre educator whose students benefited immensely (and had amazing fun!) from the various NCTC events in which they participated, most notably as hosts for many NCTC regional High School Play Festivals, and many NCTC College Day auditions, winning major scholarships. Dana has a Bachelor of Music Education degree from East Carolina University (GO PIRATES!), and a Masters Degree in Theatre from Binghamton (NY) University.

BARBARA MAGER

Barbara Mager was a public school theatre educator for 30 years in North Carolina, and nine years in West Virginia. She retired from teaching in 2017, after the death of her husband, Rich. During her years as a high school theatre teacher, Mager earned many directing awards and other honors for her ensembles of acting and technical theatre students. She received the John W. Parker Award for Excellence in Directing from NCTC, and was also named an NCTC K-12 Theatre Arts Educator of the Year. She also served as the workshop presenter to all new theatre arts educators in CMS schools for over 20 years. Barbara was very involved in several community theatre groups in WV, and directed many plays while serving on the board of directors for the Galleries Theatre Associates. She earned both her masters and undergraduate degrees from Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Adjudication Assistant Megan Helton



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Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy
Mooresboro, North Carolina

Lockdown

By: Douglas Craven
Director: Bob Diebold

Cast

Mr. Karsh: Hannah Bishop
Adam: Aiden Norris
Sarah: Brilea Pruett
Mark: Ella Houser
Chelsea: Aria Carpenter
Tyler: Yug Patel
Liz: Jordan Justice
Phil: Finley Fuller
Grade Nine Girl: Aubriella Quiboloy
Understudies: Kennah Stacey & Gabe Tice

Production Team

Lighting: D.J. McAbee & Tanner Norman
Sound: Abby Hamrick & Byren Griffin
Set & Costume Design: TJCA Theatre I-IV Students

This play was produced by special arrangement with Playscripts.

CONTENT AND SOUND WARNING

This production contains references to school lockdowns, guns, mass school shootings, and child abandonment, as well as mild adult language and mild sexual references. It also includes audio clips from media coverage of actual school shootings, gunshot sound effects, and a fire alarm sound effect.

These subjects, media clips, and sounds may be upsetting or triggering, particularly for individuals affected by gun violence, child abandonment, or other traumatic events, or those sensitive to sudden loud sounds and alarms.



Hickory Ridge High School | Harrisburg, NC

Dreamscapes

This show is an HRHS Original Production, written by:

Anya Mikulasovich, Jayla Standifer, Naomi Weber,
with assistance from **Ty Moss, Helen Farmer**, and **Avri Gozy**

Cast

Chloe Avant - Teacher
Carter Bunch - Student 1, Boblin
Madison Faucette - Student 2
Eliana Lavan - Student 3
Ellie Konieczny - Crow 1, Guard 1
Zoe Diegmann - Crow 2, Tauren the Tiefling
Josh Knight - Crow 3, Merchant
Lauren Cheung - Crow 4, Guard 2
Lily Rothman - Bride
Riyad Alkhiami - Groom, Hoblin
Aubrie Konieczny - Best Man, Roblin
Harmony Soto - Officiant
Garrett Baker - Apprentice

Tech

Avri Gozy - Director | **Nithila Srithik** - Stage Manager
Emily Johnson - ASM | **Laura Le** - ASM & Poster Design
Lily Rothman - Choreographer | **Garrett Baker** - Composer
Chloe Avant - Dance Captain | **Zoe Diegmann** - Intamacy/Puppet Lead
Lauren Cheung - Fight Captain | **Ellie Konieczny** - Costume Supervisor

CW: This show contains some loud noises and mentions topics of death & murder



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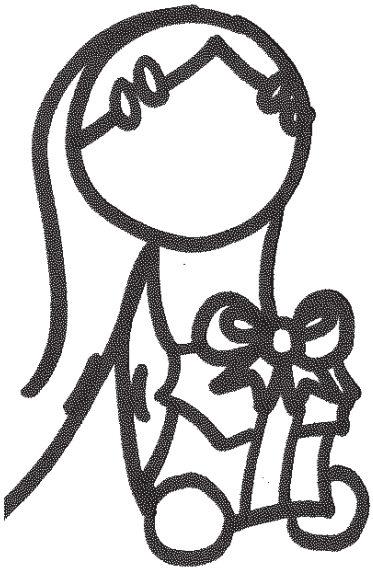
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Traditional Gift





By Dori James Medlin
Original music by Dori James Medlin





Cast

Camille Oedy
Cole Underwood
Max Gorlach
Rae Thomas
Tiana Butler

Understudy - Jannie Painter

Directed by Tiffany Perry

Stage Manager - Aimee "AJ" Jimerson
Lights and Sound - William Francis



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EVERY BABY-SITTER'S NIGHTMARE

BY CRAIG SODARO

Cast

Carrie	Kate McMillin
Kandy	Alex Hall
Kevin	Landon Thomas
Kelly	Yazmin Gaitan
Calvin, Set Designer	Makenzie Davis
Tippy	Marlia “MJ” Davis
Fast Eddie	Ben Mendoza
Aunt Cordelia	Abigail Schmitt
Mother Eagleton	Kayla Townes
Mr. Eagleton	Hunter Smith
Trudy Eagleton	Sally McCartan
Cash	Florentino Garcia
Louie	Olivia Davis
Tim	Monroe Johnson
Marsha	Ginny Dowers
Sassy	Keeley Dowers
Carrie U/S	Riley Fraser



Crew

Director	Ms. Anna Walsh
Assistant Director	Erin Porter
Stage Manager	Ava Wilson
Assistant Stage Manager	Maleigha Amberson
Light/Sound Designer	Aniyah Hampton



Costume Manager	Kalysta Oliver
Costume Manager and Officer Stark	Kaliyah Thomas
Costume Designers	Carrie Hoyle, Ava Goode, Taylor Troy, Marleigh Gordon

JT Williams Secondary Montessori School
Charlotte, NC

The Book of Everything

By Jason Pizzarello
Based on the book by Guus Kuijer
Translated by John Nieuwenhuizen

Cast List:

Thomas	Grace Rivver
Margot	Phia McGuinness
Mama	Frances Huber
Papa	Lara Swartz
Mrs. Van Amersfoort	Haydn Handl
Eliza	Gwen Seaman
Aunt Pie	Edith Kehoe
Jesus	Airen Pieris-Ratnayake
Angels	Connolly Baxter, Violet Burrill, Lola Cooper, Ethan Cunningham, Georgette Gervais, El Greely, Addison Harvey, Cassidy Howard, Pressly Jane Keeter, Annabelle O'Brien

Director:

Jim Hammond

Production Team:

Stage Management	Cullyn Davies
Costume Design	Phia McGuinness
Prop Master	Edith Kehoe
Lighting Design	Cullyn Davies
Sound Design	Phia McGuinness

Amsterdam, 1951, In and around a modest home

This play was produced by special arrangement with Stage Partners
(www.yourstagepartners.com)

TRIGGER WARNING: This play addresses themes of domestic violence

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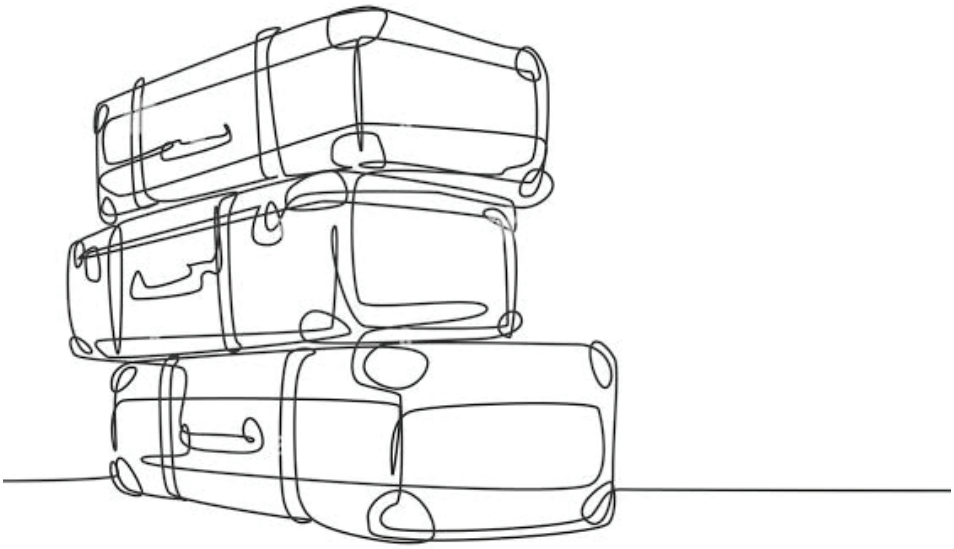
Watauga High School
300 Go Pioneer Drive
Boone NC, 28607

Every Seventeen Minutes The Crowd Goes Crazy!

by Paul Zindel

Cast

Jess - Aspen Hickman
Gabby - Chloe Caroselli
Wendy - Evie Donovan
Stevie - Collin Triosi
Jenny - Ruby Ingram
Cora - Vivian Vallecillo
J.P. - Caden Orduff
Betsy - Keelin Sanders
John - Theo Naar
Ann - Dovie Lynch
Ulie - Marisa Willis
Maureen - Jovie Cornell
Dan - Bodhi Haywood
Dave - Brian Newmark



Time: The end of the 20th century.

Place: The living room of an American home. It is in chaos, as though a lot of kids have been living there for two months with no supervision - which is exactly the situation. Underneath the clutter of this disorder are remnants of a warm and gracious home.

Director - Mr. Zach Walker
Stage Manager - Michelle Spaulding
Sound - Teo Boccardy
Lights - Gabe Bare

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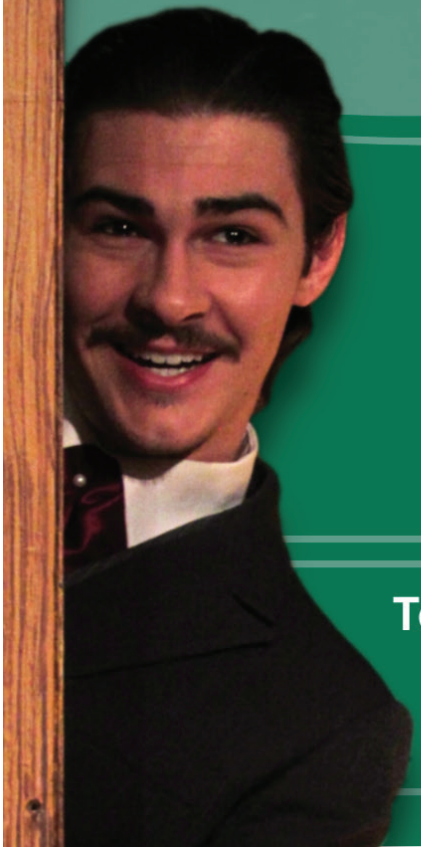


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Cape Fear Academy

Wilmington, North Carolina

RADIUM GIRLS

By D.W. Gregory

cast in order of appearance

Harriet Roeder/Clerk
Arthur Roeder
Daniel Lehman
Charlie Lee/Tom Kreider
Katherine Wiley
Kathryn Schaub
Irene Rudolph/Reporter
Grace Fryer
Mrs. McNeil/Mrs. Fryer
Dr. Von Sochocky
Mrs. Roeder/Photographer
Sob Sister
Flinn/Raymond Berry
Dr. Knef /Clerk/RG
Edith Markley/RG
Court/Clerk/RG

Emme Kellerman
Chris Shelton
Justin Wilkins
Dillon Lowe
Stella Reid
Bea Marino
Emerson Lane
Violet Mae Nevin
Anna Black
Rae Nora
Jane Hertz
Meadow McCarthy
Caleb Warshaw
Zoey Rundberg
Annabelle Parker
Ashton Cargill

Director/Choreographer
Jennifer Avery

Technical Director
Benedict R. Fancy

Costume/Props Director
Kate Briante

CREW

Production Stage Manager & Set Designer - Phoebe Schoeder

Assistant Director & ASM - Jayde Terpenning

Lights-TBD Sound - Rory Hall Projectionist-TBD

Stage Hands - Ashton Harris, Jake Capps, Logan Goins, Harper Kelly

Hair/Make-Up/Stage Hands - Alexa Mailey, Elayna Head, Sasha Young

Warning: This play contains references to disease and death

Radium Girls is performed with special arrangement by Dramatic Publishing

East Henderson High School presents:

An eagles' perfoming arts company production of

9:02:59 AM

An original production made by the 2018 NCTC class and was adapted and revised by the current NCTC class.



Director: Clay Gaitskilll

Stage Manager: Hailey Davis

Arizona: Julie Smithson
Georgia: Katie Thompson
Andi: Josilen Lane
Kristie: Audrey Flanigan
Hannah: Kenzie Ward
Finley: Ivy McCoy
Diane: Leila Henderson
Nicole: Caitlin Thomas
Lauren: Kloe Dickinson
Melanie: Nessa Luelen
April: Jayden Thompson
Ezra: Jasmine Cunningham
Victoria: Taylor Maybin
Johanne: Marissa Byrnside

This show contains mild language.



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The PLAY That Goes WRONG

BY HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER, AND HENRY SHIELDS

Crew

Hannah Morrow
Anna Helms
Clare Caspar
Sofia Gale
Dare Blake
Katie Partin
Sarah Guy
Hannah Cable
Skylar Abromaitis
Kyla Lowery
Piper Garcia
Bella Tugwell

Cast

Chris.....Austyn Davis
Taylor.....Brooke Stokes
Annie.....Emma Baker
Sandra.....Kylie Jones
Rachel.....Leah Nicholson
Dennis.....Jacob Mehaffey
Max.....Nate Christy
Jonathan.....Eli Reed

Directed by Cadie Nelson

Stage Manager: Kathryn Peoples

Warning: There is use of a prop gun; however, it does not fire.

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG (HIGH SCHOOL EDITION) IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS ON BEHALF OF DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE. WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM

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Almost, Maine

By John Cariani

CAST

Prologue, Interlogue, Epilogue
Pete - Bodhi Haywood
Jinette - Ruby Ingram

Her Heart
East - Collin Triosi
Glory - Dovie Lynch

This Hurts
Marvalyn - Jovie Cornell
Steve - Brian Newmark

Where It Went
Phil - Caden Ornduff
Marci - Aspen Hickman

Seeing The Thing
Rhonda - Evie Donovan
Dave - Theo Naar

Ensemble
Chloe Caroselli, Keelin Sanders, Vivian Vallecillo, Marisa Willis

Place
Various locales in Almost, Maine, a small town in far Northern Maine
that isn't actually a town and that doesn't quite exist.

Time
Not too long ago - or maybe a long time ago - on a cold, clear, moonless, slightly surreal Friday night
in the middle of the deepest part of Northern Maine winter.

Director -Mr. Zach Walker
Stage Manager - Michelle Spaulding
Sound - Teo Baccardy
Lights - Gabe Bare

This play was produced with special arrangement by Concord Theatricals.
Music was arranged with special permission by Bela Fleck

Palisades High School Presents:

Reel Times At Somerset High

By TJ Young - Stage Partners

Cast

Parker: Nemo Prince
Logan: Ariyanna Robinson
Drew: Finlix Reyna Ari: Alivia Reed
Dallas: Olivia Ollari
Mr. Matthews: Farid Schettini
Elliott: Rachel Mozingo
Britton: Finley Terry
Chef: Ja'Nya Moore
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Cook 2: Kelsey Horskey
Nurse: Olive D'Avria
Informant 1: Marly Vegara
Informant 2: Karrigan Khalid
Informant 3: Faith Thomas
Dancer 1: Caitlyn Brown
Dancer 2: Nia Streeter
Instrumentalist: Daniel Burgest
Ensemble: Helen De Crans, Trinity McMullen, Neri LeShore, Robert Hamilton

Tech Crew

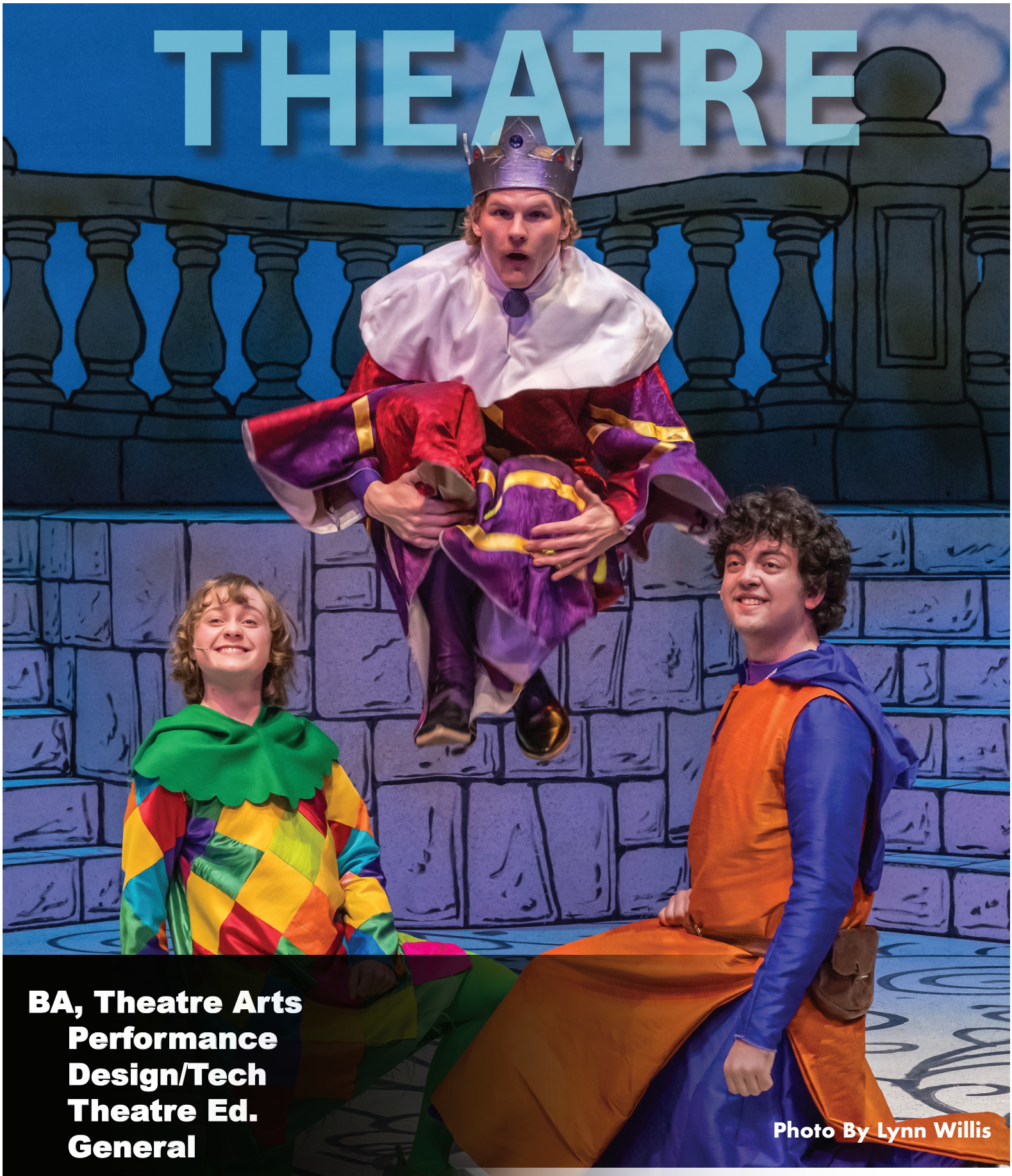
Jordan Dorby
Ryan Wood
Maddox Law
Dominic Loor
Brittany Boatner
Emma Kinlaw
Emma Recarte

Avery Lane
Amelia Brown
Ella Kvasnicka
Daniel Burgest
Juliette Cayo
Marlee Hopkins

Completely Student Directed by: Marlee Hopkins
Student Choreographer: Rachel Mozingo

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LOST GIRL

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CAST

Wendy.....Lily Strickland
Wendy 1.....Whitney Buford
Wendy 2.....Elise Tate
Wendy 3.....Emmie Rayburn
Peter.....Reid Cook
Mother.....Alexandra Delaney
Toodles.....Catt Skinner
Curly.....Liam Romance
Nibs.....Devin Hands
Slightly.....Brady Heintschel
Boy.....Miles Veronda
Nina.....Renee Burgpali
Therapist.....Alex McLaughlin
Detective.....Zoe Hitchens
Flight Team.....Adelaide Behr, Miles Veronda,
.....Alex McLaughlin, Brady Heintschel

Production Team

Director.....Jenny Goodfellow
Choreographer.....Linda Booth
Technical Director.....Karl Hoffman
Stitcher.....Bobbi Piller
FOTA Drama Reps.....Amy McLaughlin
Crew.....Aura Bai, Isaiah Destin,
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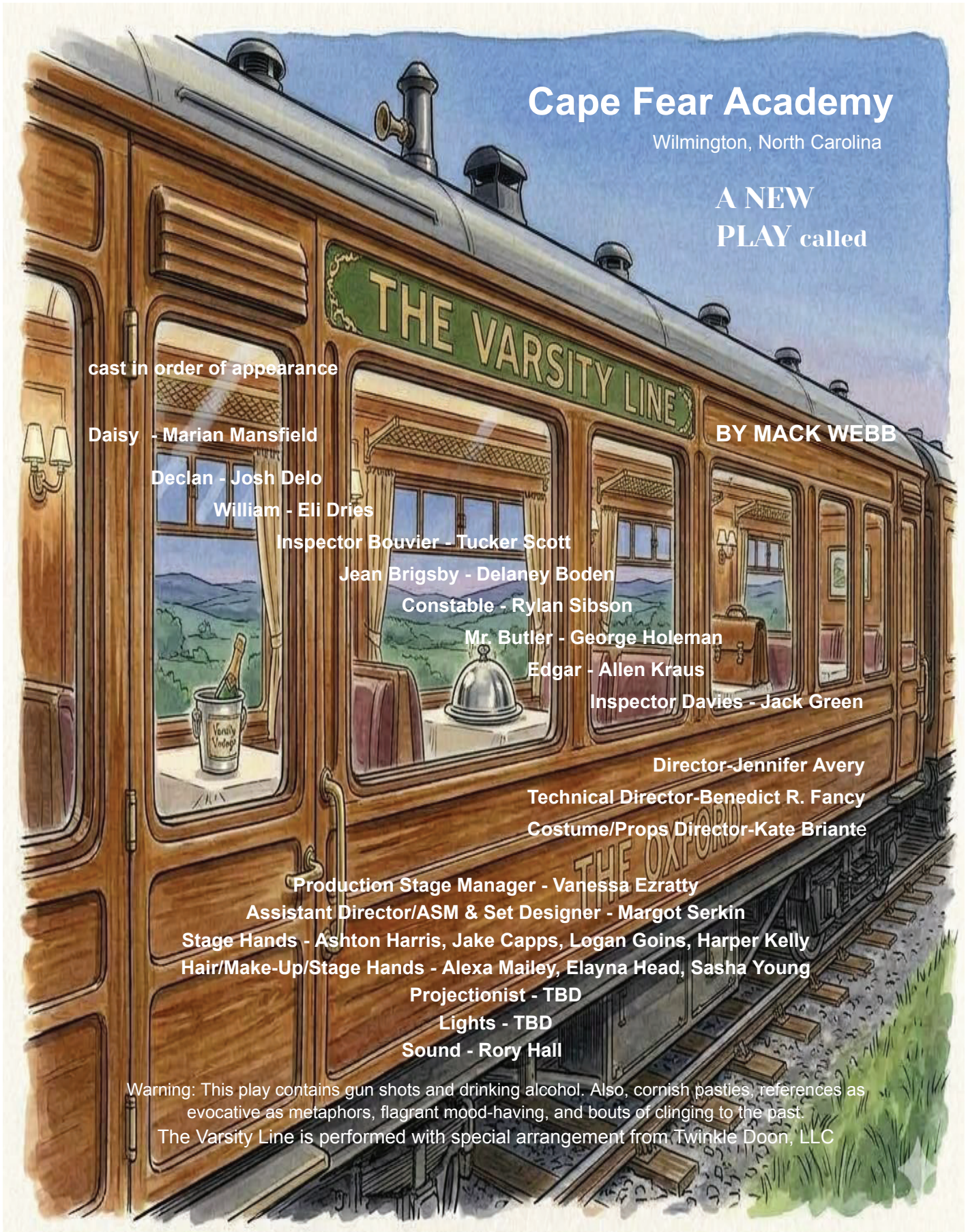
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Wilmington, North Carolina

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cast in order of appearance

BY MACK WEBB

Daisy - Marian Mansfield

Declan - Josh Delo

William - Eli Dries

Inspector Bouvier - Tucker Scott

Jean Brigsby - Delaney Boden

Constable - Rylan Sibson

Mr. Butler - George Holeman

Edgar - Allen Kraus

Inspector Davies - Jack Green

Director-Jennifer Avery

Technical Director-Benedict R. Fancy

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Stage Hands - Ashton Harris, Jake Capps, Logan Goins, Harper Kelly

Hair/Make-Up/Stage Hands - Alexa Mailey, Elayna Head, Sasha Young

Projectionist - TBD

Lights - TBD

Sound - Rory Hall

Warning: This play contains gun shots and drinking alcohol. Also, cornish pasties, references as evocative as metaphors, flagrant mood-having, and bouts of clinging to the past.

The Varsity Line is performed with special arrangement from Twinkle Doon, LLC



Palisades High School Presents:

"Crafting a Killer"

By Brent Holland - Playscripts

Cast

Doctor: Peyton Watkins
Blue: Analia Moscoso
Brown: William Cook
Gray: Sydney Kabumbe
Black: Tristan Velez
Green: Robert Hamilton
White: Marlee Hopkins
Red: Juliette Cayo
Yellow: Marly Vergara
Henchman#1: Chloe Womack
Henchman#2: Alexia Ellis
Violinist (Original Song): Anna Dang
Ensemble: Olivia Ollari, Nehemiah Prince, Rachel Mozingo, Alivia Reed, Ja'Nya Moore

Crew

Jordan Darby
Avery Lane
Amelia Brown
Ryan Wood
Dominic Loor
Emma Recarte
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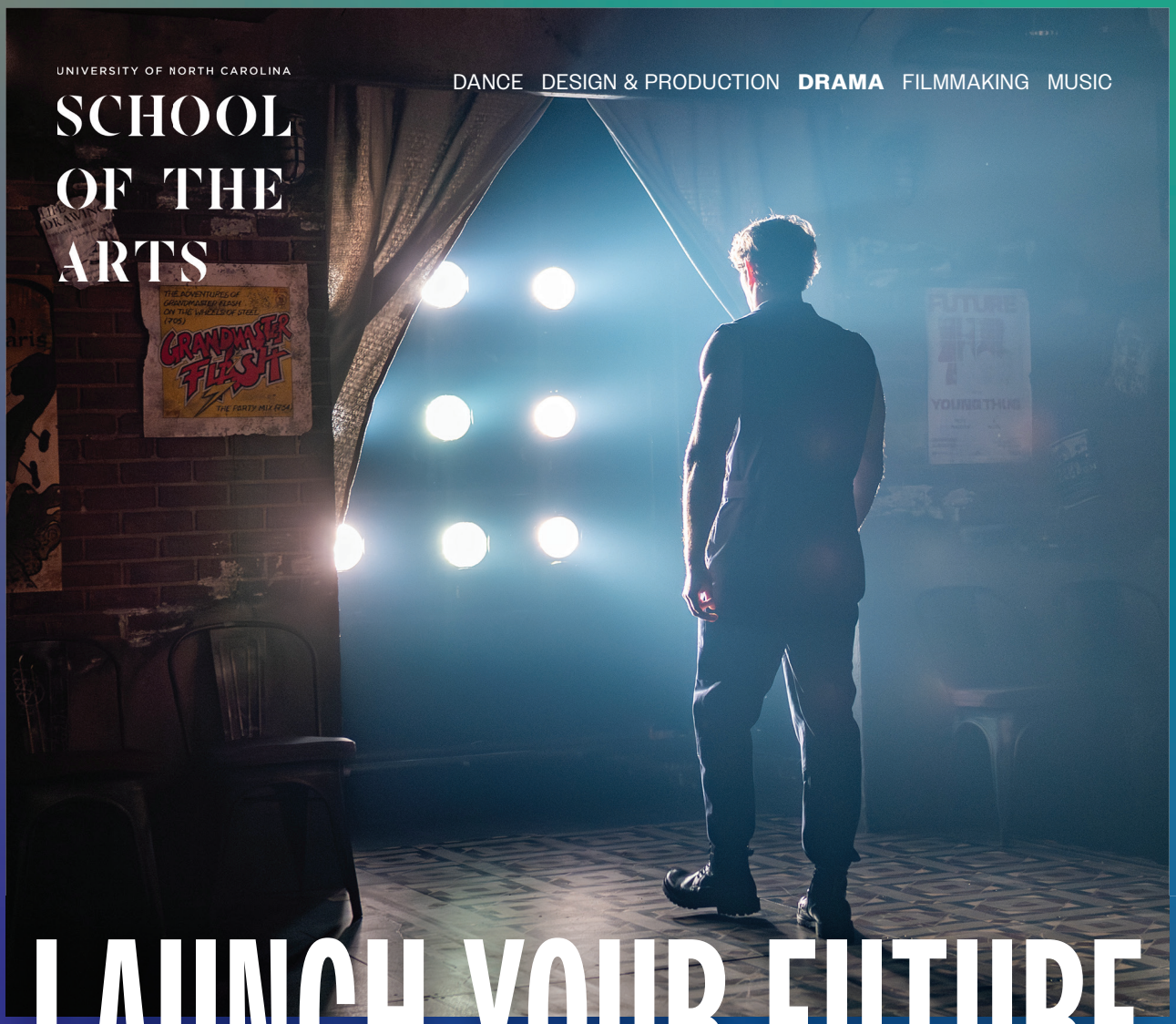
Directed by: Amanda Tate Vergara

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Where Broken Things Gather

An Original Play by HHS Advanced Theatre

Cast List:

Jessie:	Brendan Lewis
Luke:	Anthony Edson
Lindsey:	Liv Bridges
Harrison:	Peter Schnitzer
Jude:	Mady Barber
Georgia:	Mia Smith
Lyssa:	Sofi Miller
Wyatt:	Nick Hollocker
River:	Lily Grace Adams

Shadow Figures

Harrison Dad/Wyatt's Dad:	Jabilo Underwood
Harrison's Mom/Social Worker:	Avery Ruiz
Emma:	Hannah Choeun
Jude's friend:	Aileen McClelland
Jude's friend:	Yaneli Martinez
Jude's friend:	Charlie DiMeglio
Jude's friend:	Payton McMillan
Wyatt's Mom:	Macie Freeman
Police Officer/Brandon:	Lex Francis

Director: Sabrina Sweeney

Production Team
Sound: Josue Hernandez Davila
Lighting: Adam Schnitzer & Linden Hunt

This play touches on sensitive topics and contains mildly offensive language. It may not be suitable for younger audience members. Viewer discretion is advised.



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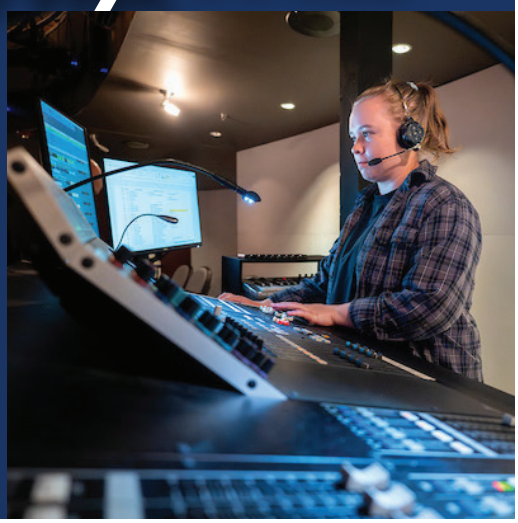




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To: Cape Fear Academy
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From: Cape Fear Academy Admissions

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To: Frances Huber & JTW
Break a leg! You got this!!
From: Erin & Todd Huber

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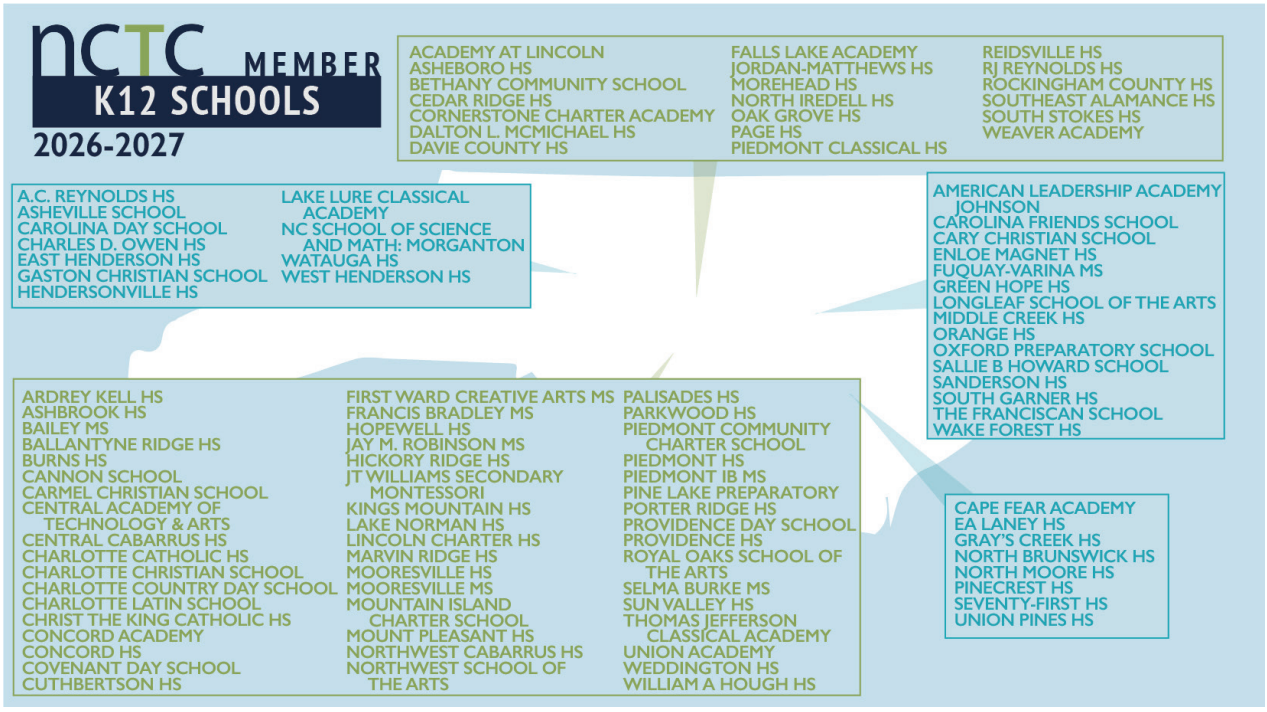
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