

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School Presents “The Addams Family” A Musical Comedy Not for the Faint-Hearted

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. March 20, 2017—They’re creepy and they’re kooky, mysterious and spooky...but you gotta love this quirky family! Dobbs Ferry High School’s Musical Theater Department presents *The Addams Family* on **Friday, March 31st at 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 1st at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium.** This macabre musical comedy is wackier than ever and is based on the loveable and ghoulish characters that creator Charles Addams featured in his original cartoons in *The New Yorker* magazine from 1938-1988. Ticket prices are \$5/Dobbs Ferry Students, \$10/General Admission and Senior Citizens are free.

“Most audiences are familiar with *The Addams Family*, either through the television show or the movies,” said Georgia DeFalco, Vocal Music & Theatre Director at Dobbs Ferry Middle School and High School. “The stage production features an original story, but reunites us with our favorite Addams Family characters including patriarch Gomez, his wife Morticia, their children Wednesday and Pugsley, Grandma, Uncle Fester, and servant Lurch. I picked this particular show because it is such fun and also a newer production that will showcase the talents of our terrific High School cast. The musical is devilish and sweet, all at the same time, and has really beautiful songs. Most of the score matches each character’s personality. Flamenco inspired Spanish music represents Gomez and Uncle Fester has a vaudevillian sound.”

According to the show’s website, “*The Addams Family* features an original story about every father’s worst nightmare! Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that weren’t upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents.”

“We are so excited to have Dobbs Ferry High School Art Teacher Jeff Gonzalez building the sets,” noted Defalco. “He’s done a phenomenal job designing and creating the spooky mood of *The Addams Family* manse and I think the audience will be amazed at how eerie and creative the scenery looks.”

Defalco has directed both the Dobbs Ferry High School and Middle School plays and musicals over the last five years. For the first time, she has entered *The Addams Family* in the 2017 Metropolitan High School Theatre Awards <http://hstheaterawards.com/>, where the production will be competing against other school musicals in Rockland, Westchester, Putnam and Bergen Counties. Throughout the spring musical season, Metro Awards’ judges attend the participating schools’ performances to evaluate the shows. In June, all of the schools celebrate in an awards ceremony modeled after the Broadway Tony Awards. Top nominated schools and actors perform live and Broadway stars hand out designated honors.

So, come meet the family...

Cast

DeFalco, Georgia - Director

Newhouse, Amanda - Director/Choreographer

Phillip Bonano- Vocal Coach, rehearsal accompanist

Ellen Flaks- Acting Coach

Nicholas McCormick- Student Director

Alyssa Rivera- Dramaturg

Sophia Bloom - Ancestor Groom

Kaylee Chin - Ancestor

Angelica Delcioppo - Ancestor

Sebastian DiGirolomo - Ancestor

Sara FitzPatrick - Ancestor Bride

Maceo Foster - Mal

Lisandra Frroku - Morticia

Jamie Honigman - Alice

Lindsay Honigman - Pugsley

Ursula Hudak - Ancestor Pirate

Ashley Klein - Wednesday

Abigail Loose- Ancestor Fashion

Annika Martens - Ancestor Victorian

Yukali Okkotsu - Ancestor Soldier

Elizabeth Poccia - Grandma

Isaac Regalado - Ancestor

Charlene Reith - Ancestor Maid

John Sullivan - Fester

Mijyo Sasaki - Ancestor

Leilani Taiano - Ancestor Light

Keene Taylor - Gomez

Emily Watkins - Ancestor

Mia Wilbekin - Ancestor Dark

Jelani Williams - Lucas

Stage Crew

Set Director: Jeff Gonzalez

Student Set Director: Michelle Arcos

Amy Allen

Michelle Arcos

David Aybar-Cruz

Nicholas Feiler

Jamie Honigman

Lindsay Honigman

Nicholas McCormick

Joelle Mitchell

Yukali Okkotsu

Isaac Regalado

Charlene Reith

Marina Stern

Sydney Tan

Rat Pack

Tsha Gregory-Technical Director

Ray Flaks - Sound Design

Alex Cohen - Lighting Design

Sam Larson - Follow Spot

Adam Galland - Sound effects

Robert Sanzo - Program Runner

Pit Band

Paul Huneke- Director

Nathan Brewster - Drums

David Hertzberg - Bass

Charlie Rhyner - Guitar

Adam Benefield - Piano

Philip Bonano - Keyboard

Cole Gingham - Saxophone

Lucas Legan - Viola

Rachel Saraceni - Violin

Make-up Committee

Krisanne Bayer- Director

Lexie Frare- Consultant

Samantha DiGirolomo

Veronika Mocarska
Michelle Arcos
Anna Prendi
Sarah Bayan
Summer Bock
Ruby Foligno

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