

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School Theater Arts Class Performs “38 and Counting...”

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. April 25, 2017-- Dobbs Ferry High School’s Theater Arts class is staging four one-act plays for students, parents and the community this **Friday night, April 28th at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium.** The year-long course culminates with a final performance entitled “38 and Counting...” The show is free with a \$5 suggested donation.

The Theater Arts students, totaling 38 and ranging from grades 9-12, have been working on their acting skills since the fall. They were assigned to read each of the one-act plays. The students had to prepare a monologue in class, and then auditioned in front of each other. They were graded on preparation, memorization, and characterization. Based on their monologue auditions and their play preferences, they were "called-back" in class and went head-to-head for the roles they wanted. The cast list was posted near mid-winter break, and the students have been using class time to rehearse ever since. Several students chose not to act and are working on the back-stage committees such as publicity, props, sets, and costumes.

Theater Arts teacher, Georgia DeFalco, who is also the Choral and Theater Director for the Middle School as well as the High School, selected the shows and chose two comedy and two dramatic one-acts. She wanted the audience to have some variation in shows and to feature the students’ comedic and dramatic talents. *Flowers for Algernon* is based on a book and Ms. DeFalco has always loved the story (Ms. Leif’s and Ms. Rosenblum’s 7th grade English classes are reading it). *The Tell-Tale Heart* is a well-known short story by Edgar Allen Poe and she thought the dramatization was interesting. After reading several comedic one-acts, Ms. DeFalco picked *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* and *The Customer is Always Wrong*.

Ms. DeFalco is directing *The Customer is Always Wrong*, and her student teacher, Lexie Frare, is directing *The Tell-Tale Heart*, and *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*. Parent Ellen Flaks is directing *Flowers for Algernon*. The students have been rehearsing their plays each day after school in preparation for Friday night’s performance.

“38 AND COUNTING...” CAST LIST

THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS WRONG

Amelia Austin	Jack Fessler	Najee Smith
Sarah Bayan	Maceo Foster	Jonah Sterling
Kaylee Chin	Tion Holness	Lila Sterling
Alexis Corona	Lindsay Honigman	Emily Watkins
Maya Donchez	Gabriella Maggi	
Emilia Ducic	Teah Morgan	

FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON

Saylor Abel	Lisandra Frroku	John Sullivan
Christopher Agostino	Ashley Klein	

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Sophia Bloom	Gabriella Torres
Annika Martens	Anna Toth
Besarta Mulosmani	Jelani Williams
Elizabeth Poccia	Kyler Wurf
Hygerta Ramaxhiku	

TELL-TALE HEART

Amy Allen	Sara FitzPatrick
Victoria Amendola	Alyssa Rivera
Jake Biale	Mia Wilbekin
Kaylee Chin	

PRODUCTION STAFF

Student Director: <i>Tell-Tale Heart</i>	Emma Healy
Student Director: <i>Customer is Always Wrong</i>	Sarah Bayan
Dramaturg	Alyssa Rivera
Sets & Props	Nathan Tovar
Publicity & Costumes	Lila Sterling
Publicity & Costumes	Anna Toth