

News Release

Dobbs Ferry Middle School 8th Grade Theater Arts Presents “Curse of the Cobra’s Kiss” A Murder Comedy

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. May 23, 2017—Dobbs Ferry Middle School’s Theater Arts Department presents the murder mystery comedy, *Curse of the Cobra’s Kiss*, on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in the High School/Middle School auditorium**. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. This is the culminating event of the year-long 8th grade Theater Arts classes.

“I picked *Curse of the Cobra’s Kiss* to show off the acting and comedic talents of the students in the class,” said Georgia DeFalco, Vocal Music & Theatre Director at Dobbs Ferry Middle School and High School. “After working on skill-building in the fall, the students prepared a monologue which they used as their audition for the play. Students could choose to act on stage, direct, or work behind-the-scenes, but all aspects of the play are run by students!”

Ms. DeFalco used a website called Pioneer Drama, which lets you chose from over 1,000 plays and musicals for all ages and acting levels, to select this year’s 8th grade production. According to a synopsis of the play from the organization’s website... “Your audience will be involved... literally, while they help solve one of the most hilarious mysteries set in the 1920s. The discovery of King Rottenlux’s tomb has brought together some of the world’s most illustrious people. Assembled at Professor Tommy Towers’ estate are his wife, his jealous secretary, a n’er-do-well nephew with feuding girlfriends, a ruthless Hollywood director, two vengeful movie starlets, a mysterious fortune teller, a secretive graduate assistant and rival reporters. Is it any wonder that the wealthy Professor quickly meets his end when a cobra injects him with poison? Super-sleuth Jessica Maple and the great detective, Hercules Porcchop, are on hand to solve this laugh-out-loud who-dunnit and in short order uncover the secrets hidden by the guests and ensnare the clever killer.”

“I’m proud of how far the program has come in such a short time period,” said Dobbs Ferry Middle School Principal Patrick Mussolini. “This is only the fourth year that we’ve had this course. It’s a year-long elective class for 8th graders and they learn all the aspects of theater both on stage, backstage and all around including press, advertising, tickets, technical support, etc. About one-third of the 104 students in 8th grade participate in this elective.”

Production Team

Georgia DeFalco - Director
Ellen Flaks- Acting Coach
Ava Martineau, Erin Hogan, Joshua Austrian- Student Directors
John Sullivan and Jamie Honigman- Interns

Cast

Jessica Maples.....Olivia Paulsson
Hercules Porcchop..... Aaron Rerrie
Peter Wittingstump..... David Akoh

Ivy Towers.....Caroline Bayer
 Professor Tommy Towers.....Anthony Archer
 Claire Partridge..... Hannah Cloidt
 Max Deblohardt.....Tom Benjamin
 Lyle Stark.....Ezekiel Mlynar
 Alexandra Periwinkle.....Jaden Tobacco
 Nellie Fry.....Lina Lauriston
 TarentellaGrace O'Reilly
 Inspector Ester Zudector.....Saaya Vibhakar
 Juliet Lennox.....Ashley Polimeno
 Violet La Tou.....Honor Kilpatrick
 Lloyd Crane.....Joshua Austrian
 Sylvia.....Eleanna Grosz
 Cloe Cantrell.....Ashley Polimeno
 Rose La Tou.....Saaya Vibhakar
 Chef Lulu Fondue.....Honor Kilpatrick
 Cordelia Lenox.....Eleanna Grosz
 Portia Lennox.....Ava Martineau
 Costume CommitteeOlivia Agostino
 Costume CommitteeJonathon Cheetham
 Costume Committee.....Sofia Cruz-Bai
 Sets & PropsRaina Gingham
 Sets & PropsMaya Phillips
 Sets & PropsRachel Graff
 Sets & PropsAlexa Marchant
 Publicity Committee.....Jessica Baker
 Publicity Committee.....Julianna Sherman

Rat Pack

Tsha Gregory-Technical Director
 Alex Cohen
 Ray Flaks
 Maceo Foster
 Adam Galland
 Ursula Hudak
 Sam Larson
 Ryan Saad

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