

News Release

Dobbs Ferry Middle School Musical *FAME Jr* Showcases Teenagers at Manhattan's Famous School for the Performing Arts

Dobbs Ferry, NY November 14, 2016-- Dobbs Ferry Middle School proudly presents *FAME Jr*, based on the acclaimed motion picture, television series and stage show, as its fall musical this season. The show times are **Friday, November 18th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 19th at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. The production will be held in the High School/Middle School auditorium. General admission is \$10 and student tickets are \$5. Senior Citizens are free of charge.

FAME Jr is a coming-of-age story that centers on New York City's legendary High School for the Performing Arts around the early 1980s. With a memorable pop score and exciting dance sequences, the musical chronicles the lives of several teenagers, aspiring artists and performers, at a four-year high school where every student is "talented." The show is humorous, tender, inspiring and will make you want to dance in the theater aisles.

"This show was a cultural phenomenon 30 years ago and yet, the issues are very contemporary," said Musical Director Georgia DeFalco. "*Fame Jr* is famous, everyone knows it, and it's a great show to stage with younger performers. The production has more than 14 featured roles and a big multi-ethnic ensemble cast. It also features an array of artistic mediums including dancing, singing, acting, rapping and musicianship. The students were so much fun to work with and they really loved the high-energy musical numbers."

"It's a very strange thing to grow up to be a performer, to expose yourself at a time when growing up is difficult enough anyway. It involves a great deal of courage and the risk of enormous pain. *Fame* shows how kids prepare themselves for failure as well as success."

—Alan Parker, *FAME* film director

CAST

Akoh, David	Mr. Meyers
Archer, Anthony	Goody King
Aybar Cruz, David	Tyrone Jackson
Batshaw, Julian	Nick Piazza
Bayer, Caroline	Ms. Bell
Bolanas, Sofia	Chorus
Burt, Kaitlyn	Miss Sherman
Cohen, Liat	Chorus
Cvijanovic, Maja	Chorus
Danishmend, Felix	Schlomo
Feldman, Hannah	Chorus
Giannopoulos, Arianna	Featured Dancer
Harwood, Berit	Chorus
Hernandez, Paola	Girl #4

ROLE

CAST

Le Breton, Chloe	Carmen Diaz
Levine, Talia	Mabel Washington
Lucasey, Dylan	Solo Student
Lucasey, Marc	Mr. Sheinkopf
Martineau, Ava	Chorus
Mulosmani, Emily	Chorus
Nunez, Ava	Chorus
Panaro, Anthony	Featured Dancer
Patino, Anabel	Female Student
Polimeno, Ashley	Iris Kelly
Pralle, Emma	Girl #5
Regalado, Jose-Luis	Principal Shuman
Rerrie, Aaron	Chorus
Sarno, Eve	Chorus

ROLE

CAST <i>(continued)</i>	ROLE
Hogan, Kylie	Chorus
Hornstein, Lindsay	Chorus
Hunt, Amalia	Chorus
Javier, Carolina	Female Student
Joslin, Fiona	Chorus
Kazmierczak, Erin	Girl #3
Kleinman, Joseph	Joe Vegas
Kovach, Hannah	Girl #1

STAGE CREW	RAT PACK
Akoh, Glory	Cohen, Alexander
Amendola, Victoria	Cohen, Zachary
Arcos, Michelle	Flax, Ray
Feiler, Nicholas	Foster, Maceo
FitzPatrick, Sara	Hudak, Ursula
Honigman, Jamie	Larson, Samuel
McCormick, Nicholas	Ramos, Alexia
Mitchell, Joelle	
Okkotsu, Yukali	
Regalado, Isaac	
Reith, Charlene	
Stern, Marina	
Sullivan, John	
Tan, Sydney	

PRODUCTION TEAM	
DeFalco, Georgia	Director
Newhouse, Amanda	Choreographer
Gregory, T'Sha	Lights & Sound
Hutchinson, Lindsay	Design Director
Huneke, Paul	Pit Band Director
Wilbekin, Mia	Student Director

CAST	ROLE
Saur, Bryson	Chorus
Solis, Ava	Grace Lamb
St. John, Melissa	Chorus
Stenzel, Adriana	Chorus
Storck, Daniel	Chorus
Storms, Katelyn	Serena Katz
Walker, Lucy	Chorus
Wurf, Mika	Girl #2

SPRINGHURST STUDENTS	
Bolgor, Eve	Mishra, Kaavya
Cloidt, Sophia	Mulosmani, Isabel
Colon-Mojica, Mateo	O'Brien, Caitlin
Fucci, Sofia	Palumbo, Anthony
Gentile, Anthony	Sehgal, Navya
Iacobazzi, Michela	Solis, Maya
Kleinman, Dean	Stenzel, Jacqueline
Kotagiri, Ramya Shree	Turner, Julia
Kubina, Klara	Valentin, Addison
Levine, Sofie	Watkins, Eliza
Miadelets, Melanie	