

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School's Spring Musical "Urinetown" Spoofs Social and Political Issues with Wit and Humor

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. March 19, 2018- Dobbs Ferry High School's Musical Theater Department presents the hit show *Urinetown* on **Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 24th at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium.** This satirical musical comedy, which premiered on Broadway in 2001, parodies our "legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics and even musical theater." No one is safe from scrutiny, and many of these themes will resonate with theatergoers in 2018. Tickets are \$5/students and \$10/general admission.

"*Urinetown* is fast-paced and wickedly funny," said Georgia DeFalco, Vocal Music & Theatre Director at Dobbs Ferry Middle School and High School. "I felt the material was a good fit for the students I have participating this year, and also think the climate is right for political satire. The ensemble of *Urinetown* is a crucial part of this show and is onstage for many of the numbers which enabled a good portion of the cast to showcase their talents in addition to the leads."

The cast includes approximately 30 students in grades 9-12 and an additional 15 students who make up the stage crew, rat pack and pit band. Ms. DeFalco has directed both the Dobbs Ferry High School and Middle School plays and musicals for the last six years

According to a synopsis of *Urinetown* online, "a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government ban on private toilets and the rise of paid public toilets, owned and operated by a single company: the Urine Good Company. If the poor don't obey the strict laws prohibiting free urination, they'll be sent to the dreaded and mysterious *Urinetown*. After too long, under the heel of the corrupt and iron-fisted Caldwell B. Cladwell (who happens to have a beautiful and innocent daughter), the poor stage a revolt led by a brave young hero fighting for the freedom to pee wherever you like, whenever you like, for as long as you like, and with whomever you like."

Last year's High School musical, *The Addams Family*, was nominated in two categories for the 2017 Metropolitan High School Theater Awards <http://hstheaterawards.com>. Throughout the spring musical season, Metro Awards' judges will be attending the participating schools' performances to evaluate the shows. Dobbs Ferry's production of *Urinetown* is competing against other school musicals in Rockland, Westchester, Putnam and Bergen Counties in the 2018 Metro Awards competition.

Directors

Georgia DeFalco – Producer/Director

Ginene Delcioppo- Set Director

Emily Ellis - Director/Choreographer/Costumes

Phil Banano- Music Director

Paul Huneke- Pit Director

Tsha Gregory- Rat Pack Director

Nicholas McCormick- Stage Manager

Cast

Joshua Austrian
David Aybar-Cruz
Jason Balsan
Rebecca Balsan
Sophia Bloom
Hannah Cloidt
Alexis Corona
Sara FitzPatrick
Maceo Foster
Eleanna Grosz
Lindsay Honigman
Jodi-Ann James
Honor Kilpatrick
Ashley Klein
Joseph Kleinman
Talia Levine
David Luftig
Ava Martineau
Grace O'Reilly
Elizabeth Poccia
Isaac Regalado
Aaron Rerrie
Enrico Rilloi
Katelyn Storms
Leilani Taiano
Keene Taylor
Mia Wilbekin

Stage Crew

Michelle Arcos
Angelica Delcioppo
Nefissa Kemech
Nicky Feiler
Carly Garcia
Camila Olivares
Nicky McCormick
Joelle Mitchell
Sydney Tan

Rat Pack

Alex Cohen
Zach Cohen
Adam Galland
Ursula Hudak
Sam Larson
Ryan Saad

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