

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Thespian of the Semester

This year we are introducing a new award that goes to a very deserving thespian every semester. The officers send in nominations to the President and Vice-President who will then look over them and decide who will be the best candidate for Thespian of the Semester. This individual will receive a prize for their dedication to the program as a whole. This semesters Thespian of the Semester is Sam Johnson.



Upcoming Events



January 3rd
Troupe Meeting



January 11th
Childrens Show



January 28th
Jr. Thespians

Theatre Across Houston

Theatre is a very big part of Houston's art scene, so we would like to take a moment to share what other theaters & playhouses around here are doing this holiday season!

The Alley Theater is currently running their annual traditional show A Christmas Carol through December 30th, & the world premiere of What-A-Christmas through December 30th as well. Mary Poppins is being shown at Theatre Under The Stars at the Hobby Center for Performing Arts through December 24th, meanwhile The Ensemble Theater is well through its run of A Motown Christmas, which runs through December 24th as well, and finally, A Texas Carol at A.D. Players goes through December 23rd. For more information on various great plays and musicals around Houston, visit www.houston-theater.com!





Holiday Interview

The holidays are meant to be spent with friends and family. This season we decided to ask Adisyn Kaber what she likes to do on her break.

Q. What are your family traditions during the holidays?

A. My family likes to cook ham using coke for Christmas Eve dinner.

Q. What is your favorite part of the holiday season?

A. My favorite part is being able to spend time with my family and also doing puzzles with them.

Q. What is your favorite holiday dessert?

A. I would have to say that my favorite dessert is definitely cookies!

Interview a Junior

Q. What is your name?

A. James Bryant

Q. What is your favorite part about productions?

A. My favorite part of productions is learning about the various aspects of theatre and applying them in our plays

Q. If you could be in any Broadway show, which/who would you be and why?

A. Little Shop of Horrors, Seymour, for I fit the bill on Seymour's character, furthermore I fully understand the frustration of dealing with something for weeks and finally getting it to work.

Q. What does theatre mean to you?

A. Theatre, to me, means spreading the wonder and lessons of stories to the world. Bringing life to characters long gone, or never seen before and shown onstage for an audience to gawk in wonder.

Q. Do you plan on pursuing theatre in the future? Why or why not?

A. Yes, but in a much smaller form. I intend on primarily pursuing Software engineering, but I will be doing stand up comedy, community theatre, among other things.



DISNEY!

The upcoming spring trip going to Disney Land in Orlando Florida is fastly approaching. The students that are apart of the Theatre Ensemble will be putting together a workshop that consists of dancing and singing. The ensemble will be performing a piece from Disney's Frozen the Musical. After the workshop the students will be able to enjoy the Disney parks and have a blast as they take part in the Disney magic.

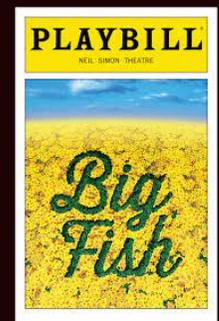
Childrens' Show (Schoolhouse Rock Jr. The Musical)

The upcoming childrens show will be performed on January 11th in the auditorium for the Elementary school students who wanted to attend! The show that we picked this year is SchoolHouse Rock Jr. The Musical. This show includes all of the well know classics from the SchoolHouse Rock animated series. The advanced theatre class has been working hard to get this show ready to perform in front of over 800 elementary students. The crew consists of Juniors who volunteered to help work the show during the school day!



Monthly Broadway Picks

The musical that I chose this month is Big Fish the Musical. This show shifts between two timelines. In the present-day real world, sixty-year-old Edward Bloom faces his mortality while his son, Will, prepares to become a father himself. In the storybook past, Edward ages from a teenager, encountering a Witch, a Giant, a Mermaid, and the love of his life, Sandra. The stories meet as Will discovers the secret his father never revealed. I love this show and was amazed when I saw it performed at Thespians last month! I nearly cried like everyone else in the audience.



The Complete History Of Comedy Abridged Recap

The run of our second show of the year, The Complete History of Comedy (abridged), completed and made finals week one to remember. The show ran from December 15-17th and had great reviews on its' hilarity. Both the main, and understudy, casts performed excellently and made both their director and stage manager proud. The combination of the funny script and expert improv, along with the light and sound design truly made this a production of note. Troupe 4026 showed us once again that they can put on a great show, and we cannot wait to see the UIL preview and Eurydice in the spring!



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