

THE RMHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

William Shakespeare's



TWELFTH
NIGHT

Directed by Natalie Cunha

WILLIAM ENDSLOW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

May 3rd and 4th at 7:30pm

May 5th at 2:00pm

Director's Note

"I say, there is no darkness but ignorance" --- William Shakespeare *Twelfth Night*

As this season of "**Banned and Bard**" shows comes to a close, we present our final offering *Twelfth Night*. This show has been earmarked as one of the timeless Shakespearean comedies. It is beloved by those who read it, see it, and get to perform in it. It has graced the curriculum in literature departments around the world and graced countless stages in its time. Its longevity makes sense, the classic stock characters are iconically funny; fighting lower class who need to learn a lesson or two about ego and climbing social ladders. The egocentric love interests who need to be taken down a peg in order to find true love... and pirates.

Imagine my surprise then to discover that as recently as 1996 the Associated Press reported that Merrimack, NH schools had pulled this play from the curriculum after the school board passed a 'prohibition of alternative lifestyle instruction' act. It had not occurred to me that in a season that celebrated both Shakespeare and stories that raised eyebrows (and voices) I would come across a play that represented both.

However, over the course of working on this production with our incredible group of students, I understood first hand what impact Shakespeare can still have. I have watched student performers tackle the language and breathe life into these funny complex characters. They have created beautiful, relatable and poignant characters who struggle to find themselves as they pursue one another. I have also seen the spark of creativity a Shakespeare play can ignite in designers, creators and technicians. In a few short weekend rehearsals an entire pirate ship emerged that fulfilled so many childhood fantasies or sailing the oceans with Black Beard or Hook. You can almost smell the salt air as you sit in your seats, all created from the brilliant minds of our students. That is power, that is possibility, it has been incredible to be a part of.

That kind of empowerment can scare some people, can make them feel they need to cut it off or hold it back. Artists often find out in their lifetime that those who fear they "cannot" often try to stand in the way of those who already "can". Shakespeare knew in his time, as we know in ours, telling stories CAN change the world, and trying to control that is like trying to control the ocean. As you will see in the very first moments of our play, the ocean usually has its own say about that.

I know the students of the RMHS Drama Club have strong, determined voices. Voices we will use to continue the club's mission of telling important and impactful stories to our community. Stories that show us the whole world around us, stories that hold a mirror up to our humanity and ask us to recommit to the humanity of those around us. Stories that make us laugh and cry and think together rather than divide us. Our stories.

Thank you, as always for your support of live theatre, and powerful storytelling, in our community. Enjoy the show.

Natalie Cunha

Director

RMHS Drama Club Advisor

Cast

Orsino/Pirate.....	TJ Korwan
Sebastian/Pirate.....	Aiden Kiley
Antonio/Pirate.....	Bella Boyden
A Sea Captain/Priest/Pirate.....	Hope Duffy
Valentine/Pirate.....	Ryla Demers
Curio/Pirate.....	Ruby Rose Allen
Sir Toby Belch/Pirate.....	Ben Goldlust
Sir Andrew Aguecheek/Pirate...	Kyle DuRoss
Malvolio/Pirate.....	Henry Myatt
Fabian/Pirate.....	Meredith Harrington
Feste/Pirate.....	Daij Forero
Olivia/Pirate.....	Hannah-May Record
Viola/Pirate.....	Bethany McGrath
Maria/Pirate.....	Natalie Medeiros
First Officer/Pirate.....	Emma Mahoney
Second Officer/Pirate.....	Alex Carroll
Musician/Pirate.....	Thea Cunha
Attendant/Pirate.....	Katherine Denny
Attendant/Pirate.....	Caitlyn Kasper

Production Staff and Crew

Director.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Stage Lighting Supervisor/Technical Director.....	Mr. Kevin Gerstner
Costume Design.....	Ms. Sue Brown
Assistant Director.....	Ms. Katie Donovan
Stage Manager.....	Justin Raimo
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Natalie Austin & Isla Lusk
Assistant Technical Director.....	Sadie Patalano
Student Lighting Designer.....	Isabella Saggese
Student Lead Electrician.....	Paul Sorgi
Asst. Lead Electrician/Student Scenic Design.....	Jason Walsh
Light Board Operator.....	Will O'Connor
Asst. Light Board Operator.....	Lucas Reis
Spotlight Operators.....	Gianna Gagliardi & Maureen Manning
Student Sound Designer.....	Oliver Galiza
Lead Audio.....	Blake Thomas
Asst. Audio.....	Myles Lakin
Mic Crew Lead.....	Kate Vieira
Mic Crew.....	Kate Whalen & Lily O'Callaghan
Deck Manager.....	Lilyana Madden
Deck Crew.....	Liv Renda
Deck Crew/Lead Props.....	Jax DiFiore
Deck Crew/Props.....	Jack Jadul & Carl Schanck
Lead Wardrobe.....	Michael Scanlon
Lead Hair/Makeup.....	Zoe McLaughlin-Shostak
Wardrobe/Hair/Makeup Crew.....	Ashlyn Spezzaferro, Alana Doroquez, Lily Bocelli, Devyn Ahlert, & Ravi Finberg
Student Lobby Coordinator.....	Kate Brokowski
Lobby Crew.....	Olivia Mullen, Dante DiSerio, & Natalie Kiernan
Core Construction Crew.....	Paul Myatt

Production Staff and Crew

Electrics Crew

Natalie Austin, Lily Bocelli, Alex Carroll, Ryla Demers,
Alana Doroquez, Kyle DuRoss, Ravi Finberg, Caitlyn Kasper,
Aiden Kiley, Myles Lakin, Isla Lusk, Lilyana Madden,
Lily O'Callaghan, Sadie Patalano, Lucas Reis, Liv Renda,
Kai Richardson, Isabella Saggese, Michael Scanlon, Paul Sorgi,
Jason Walsh, & Kate Whalen

Program Design.....Justin Raimo & Mrs. Gina O'Connor
Graphic Design.....Bethany McGrath
Set Construction.....The Cast, Crew, & Parent Volunteers
Set Construction Coordinator.....Mrs. Natalie Cunha
Set Build Parent Coordinators.....Mr. Sean O'Connor
& Mr. Josh Goldlust
Set Build Volunteers.....Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Goldlust,
Mrs. Madden, Mr. Mullen,
Mr. Korwan, Mr. DuRoss,
Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Kiene,
Mr. Whalen, Mr. Kasper,
Mr. Forero, Mrs. Bocelli,
Mrs. Goldlust, & Mr. Doroquez

Congratulations to our **Graduating Seniors**

Ruby Rose Allen, Ariana Ciano, Lauren Cook, Daija Forero,
Gianna Gagliardi, Myles Lakin, Maureen Manning,
Bethany McGrath, Henry Myatt, Lily O'Callaghan, Will O'Connor, Sadie
Patalano, Amara Psichos, Hannah May Record,
Isabella Saggese, Jessica Santilli, Paul Sorgi, Ashlyn Spezzaferro, Kate
Vieira, Chloe Walker, & Kate Whalen

Drama Club Officers

President.....	Sadie Patalano
Vice-President.....	Will O'Connor
Secretary.....	Justin Raimo
Treasurer.....	Paul Sorgi
Historian.....	Tj Korwan

Class Representatives

Senior.....	Isabella Saggese
Junior.....	Ryla Demers
Sophomore.....	Ben Goldlust
Freshman.....	Ravi Finberg
Drama Club Faculty Advisor.....	Mrs. Natalie Cunha

Parents Supporting Student Theatre (PSST)

Co-Presidents.....	Mrs. Kate Goldlust & Mrs. Anne Korwan
Secretary.....	Mrs. Corey Olson
Treasurer.....	Mr. Josh Goldlust
Publicity.....	Mrs. Gina O'Connor
Fundraising.....	Mrs. Kristina Patalano
Ticket Sales.....	Mrs. Kathryn Cook & Mrs. Christine Deserio
Refreshments.....	Ms. Etain O'Dea & Mrs. Rachael Nokes
Drama Grams.....	Mrs. Linda Kiene and Mrs. Merri DuRoss
Raffles.....	Mr. Ed Thomas

Our Mission Statement

The Reading Memorial High School Drama Club offers challenging, diverse productions with quality on-stage and off-stage training. Our program nurtures aspiring actors and technicians at every level, fostering a caring environment where all students can flourish. The drama club uses the power of live theatre to educate, inform, and entertain members of the school community and the residents of the greater Reading area.

With Gratitude...

*...we could not do what we do
without the generosity and support of others.*

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Ms. Kadi Buckley, RMHS Assistant Principal
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Ms. Rachel Digiorgio, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Kathy Kinney, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Sam Reynolds, Mr. Jim Morley
Mr. Kevin Gerstner, Facilities
Mr. Stephen MacDonald
Ms. Kendall Brown
Ms. Jackie Cole
Ms. Leigh Barrett
Lauren Seigal
Mr. Geoffrey Coram
Coolidge Middle School Drama, Parker Middle School Drama
The Reading Chronicle, Readings Magazine, The Reading Patch
The Reading Fire Department
GBL Vending
PSST Board, Coordinators, and parent volunteers

Special shoutout to Bethany McGrath for the beautiful artwork
designed for our full 2023-2024 season

Thank you so much for everything you do!
The RMHS Drama Club



Spring Drama Club Fundraisers!



Check out the condo!



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\$20 per entry

Ways to enter:

- Purchase with cash or check payable to PSST from any member of the RMHS Drama Club or PSST
- Venmo @PSST-RMHS with "Stowe Raffle + your name, email, & phone number"

Winner will be announced on June 7 at the RMHS Drama Club banquet (does not need to be present to win). Winner will be contacted and given the option to choose from a selection of available weekends.

All proceeds benefit the RMHS Drama Club and support club activities, performances, scholarships, and more. *Parents Supporting Student Theatre is a non-profit 501(c)*

DINE FOR A CAUSE



Mandarin will donate 20% of your food and beverage total to RMHS Drama Club
Does not include tax and gratuity
Flyer must be present at time of order



Friday
May 24, 2024
5:00-9:00 pm
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