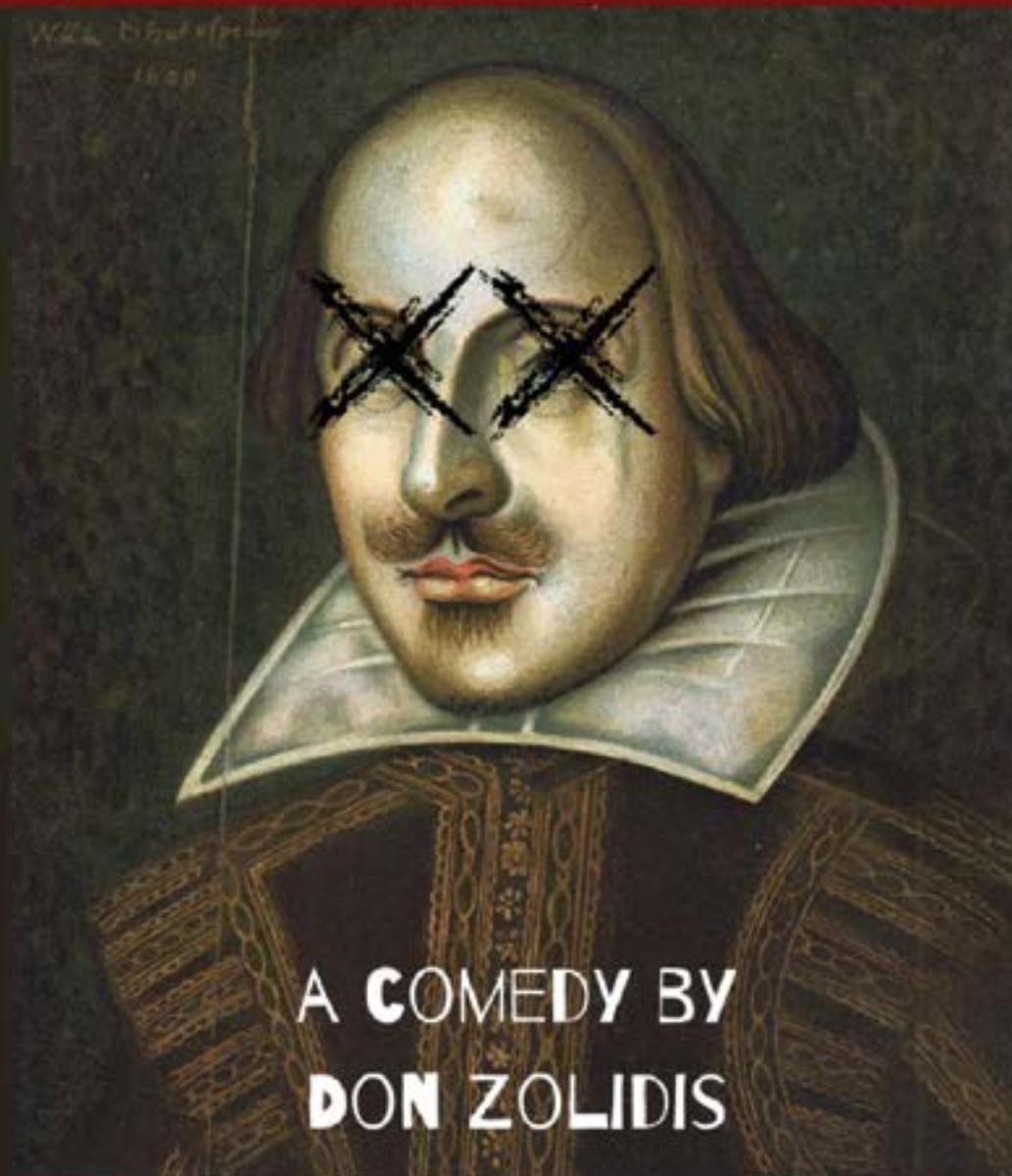


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HOW TO SURVIVE BEING IN A SHAKESPEARE PLAY



A COMEDY BY
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Thursday, April 27th, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 28th, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 29th, 7:00 pm

Directed by John Payne-Rios

Co-Directed by Belinda Flores

Director's Note

Both *Mr. Payne-Rios* and *Ms. Flores* have great affection for the plays of Shakespeare. This production afforded us a wonderful opportunity to share that love with students and give them a "crash course" on some of his most famous works. Many cast members followed up with deep dives of their own (God bless YouTube!) and it's been exciting and gratifying to see them developing their own love of the Bard (and discovering his slightly bawdy side a definite hit with middle-schoolers). True to a traditional Shakespearian comedy, this play panders to some of the humor that he was famous for.

We felt our ultimate goals for our rehearsal process were threefold: helping our student actors figure out how they can shape Shakespeare's words using their own authentic voices (we always encouraged them to remember that there is no one "proper Shakespearian style"), guiding them to discover the delicate timing required in comedy to make funny moments "land", and most importantly, giving them a safe place to try new things and take big risks. Their willingness to take this journey is definitely reflected in what you will see onstage tonight, and we could not be prouder! So please sit back and relax as our actors perform on our version of Shakespeare's own Globe Theatre and, try not to die.

Thank you!

THIS SHOW WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!



Dr. John McHale
Loyda Ayala
Samantha Bailey
Juilana Bloom
Rob Bloom
McKenzie Lakey
(Mo) Muhammad Lewis
Marsha Segree Lewis
Crystal Williams

And All of our How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play parents who volunteered their time and resources to make this show a success!

Cast



Henry/Banquo's Ghost.....Mosi Arthur
Caesar/Police Officer/Othello.....Joshua Bailey
Shakespearean Actor 2/Asp/Emilia.....Lila Beckler
Hamlet/Lawyer/Horse.....Jonah Bloom
Tybalt/Iago.....Spencer Brunetti
Narrator 1.....Kameryn Carter
Shakespearean Actor 1/Nurse 2.....Quinn Drosin
Cinna/Soldier 1.....Demerick Dunlap
Casca/Solider 2/Bottom.....Jameson Fetherman
Macbeth/Annoucer/Clown.....Stella Gittles
Hamlet's Dad's Ghost/Shepherd.....Lorelei Hanberry
Narrator 2.....Juliet Harrison
Witch 2/Iras.....Reese Lasser
Ophelia/Fake Lady Macbeth.....Mikhaela Lewis
British Tabloid Reporter 2/Bear.....Lesser Lorenzi
Witch 3/Antigonus.....Riley Ortiz
Nurse 1/Witch 1/Gail.....Kalina Race
Brutus/Richard III.....Isaiah Rivera
Servant/Paris/Lear.....Eden Rosa
Cassius/Juliet/Catesby.....Lucia Sanchez

Cast



Romeo/Charmian/Emotional.....DJ Sturdivant
Support Llama
Soothsayer/Desdemona/British.....Izzy Vose
Tabloid Reporter 1
Lady Macbeth/Solider 3.....Chloe Williams
Gertrude/Cleopatra.....Gianna Zayas

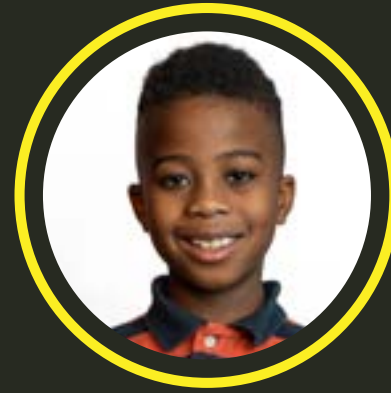


Crew



Belle Boen
 Daniela Briceno Cero
 Hudson Buholz
 Mi Campos
 Mayte Cardona Raber
 Maya Crenshaw
 Levi Davis
 Jaslene Delgado
 Caroline DeMarco
 Saijani Fontanez
 Estela Garcia Rodriguez
 Gracelyn Gray
 Grace Hayman
 Arriana Hylton
 Shialo Jones

Vivian Lannin
 Chloe Leon
 Noah Losch
 Riley Martin
 Kaylen McDuffie
 Alexis Nadeau
 Naomi Otero
 Kimberly Parnell
 Genesis Pastrana-Vazquez
 Robin Royster
 Z Siegel
 Cecilia Snipes
 Deven Tomlinson
 Evan Varner
 Jaiven Williams



Mosi Arthur

6th Grade

is thrilled to be in this production. Mosi has done Beauty and the Beast (Chip) this fall. He has also done Oliver (Company) and Rudolph (Kris Kringle) in 2022. Mosi would like to thank Sarah Dobbs (acting coach), Steve Mackinnon (Director of Oliver & Rudolph) and his parents for their support.



Joshua Bailey

8th Grade

is thrilled to be in this Howard Middle School production. He was casted as the Mayor in the Seussical before the pandemic. Last spring he was in the ensemble for Robin Hood and his Merry Men at HMS. Most recently he played the Beast in Beauty and the Beast. When not at school he'll be drawing, reading, or spending time with his family. He wants to thank his Mom and Dad for their love and supporting him throughout the school years!



Lila Beckler

7th Grade

is thrilled to be a part of How to Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play! Her other roles in Howard shows include Young Anna in Frozen Jr, Lady Cassandra in Robin Hood and his Merry Men, and a Narrator in Beauty and the Beast Jr. She has also done Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella at the Orlando Rep, where she played Joy (the stepsister). Lila loves theatre, dance, and music, and wants to thank the directors for giving her this amazing chance to perform!



Jonah Bloom

7th Grade

is in the 7th grade and is very excited to be in How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play! Some of his past roles at Howard include Lumiere (Beauty and the Beast Jr.), Hans (Frozen Jr.), and Robin Hood (Robin Hood). Jonah has also played the roles of Scar (The Lion King) and Jack (Newsies) at the Orlando REP and other theaters. When he's not acting, Jonah loves writing and directing movies, drawing cartoons, reading, and inventing characters with his sister. Jonah thanks his family for all their love and support.



Spencer Brunetti

7th Grade

is 13 years old and started acting around second grade with the parts of usually villain roles. Spencer did many performances at Pershing School K-8 and has played at many other schools. This is Spencer's first play at Howard and is very happy to be a part of it.



Kameryn Carter *8th Grade*
 is super excited that this is her last show at Howard. She has been in every show at Howard since 2021 which includes; Once On This Island, Frozen Jr, Robin Hood and his Merry Men, and Beauty and the Beast. She loves to paint and do creative things in her free time like paint and read. She also has a love for movie marathons and spending time with friends and family. Kameryn would like to thank her family for always being her #1 supporter, and the entire Howard theater department for giving her this amazing opportunity to let her show her passion for theater.



Quinn (Olivia) Drosin *7th Grade*
 Hellooo, I am Quin, but my legal name is Olivia. I have been in a lot of musicals and not many plays. A list of musicals I have been in and remember consist of Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland, and a Veterans Day musical. One of the plays I remember almost being in (because COVID hit) is The Best Birthday Party Ever. When I was young I started doing ballet at the Russian Ballet Academy at 6 years old and did that for 4 years.



Demerick Dunlap *8th Grade*
 is an 8th grader, and, in the show, he is playing Cinna and Soldier 1. He has been in shows at Howard Middle since 6th grade. One of his favorite shows he has done is Elf Jr at The Dr. Phillips Center. Outside of theater Demerick loves to be active in the community and enjoys studying law. He is excited to make his last debut in this Howard production. He hopes you enjoy the show!!



Jameson Fetherman *6th Grade*
 is excited to be in his first play at Howard Middle. He thanks his parents and siblings for encouraging him to audition. He was apart of the Howard Volleyball team. He has already made so many friends that are participating in the play which makes him feel included!



Andy (Stella) Gittles *7th Grade*
 Hello, my name is Stella, but more people know me as Andy (please call me Andy). I have been in stage productions since I was the ripe age of 5. I started out as a dancer in Russian Ballet and did many productions there including "The Nutcracker". I stopped taking dance in fifth grade and began doing art (didn't really work out for me) so I went to theatre instead and here I am!



Lorelei Hanberry *7th Grade*
 My name is Lorelei Hanberry and I love Howard Middle. The people here are amazing and I am incredibly happy I have the opportunity to pursue my passions for theatre and my love for art. JPR and Mrs. Flores are so sweet and nice and make me feel really comfortable with myself and around others. This cast is, I believe, one of the greatest and I am super excited to perform in 'How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play.'



Juliet Harrison *7th Grade*
 is happy to be apart of her second Howard play. Previous credits include Beauty and the Beast Jr. as Monsieur d'Arque, Pickle Chiffon Pie as Lady Rose, The Magic Treehouse: A Ghost Tale for Mr. Dickens Jr. as the Carriage Driver, and The Lion King Jr. as a lioness. Juliet has an incredible passion for theatre, and in her free time loves drawing and spending time with her pets. She's grateful for this opportunity and is excited to do more theatre in the future.



Reese Lasser *8th Grade*
 is doing her first production at Howard Middle. Reese has been in many productions throughout her life and is very excited to add this one to her list of shows. She is sad that this is her last year here at HMS. She would love to thank the cast and crew for making this show possible and she would like to thank everyone who has supported her throughout this.



Mikhaela Lewis *8th Grade*
 is excited to be apart of her third and final play here at Howard! She has previously participated in Robin Hood and His Merry Men (Lady Gertrude) and Beauty and the Beast (Enchanted Ensemble) here at Howard. She would love to thank her parents for supporting her through this process, and her friends who made this production fun to endure!



Lesser Lorenzi *8th Grade*
 is excited and ready for their first Howard production! They have been passionate about the arts, specifically theatre for a very long time and now have the opportunity to perform at Howard. Special thanks to their mother and grandmother who never stops believing in them! Also thank you to stage manager and their bestfriend, Mayte Cardona Raber. Lastly thank you to everyone who made this possible!



Riley Ortiz

7th Grade

has been in many productions in and outside of school. She has done many REP camps and almost all the productions at her old school. Riley is also a dancer and has been doing dance for almost 6 years. She is very happy to be able to finally be part of one of these schools' production. She can't wait for her family to see her on stage where she loves it the most.



Kalina Race

6th Grade

is very excited to be in her 2nd show at HMS! She enjoys hanging out with her 3 pets and going on adventures with her family. Kalina really enjoys everything theatre, and she would like to thank all her best friends for encouraging her to embrace all sides of life.



Isaiah Rivera

7th Grade

is super excited to be in this production of 'How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play!' He has played in other productions such as: Ensemble in 'Robin Hood and His Merry Men', Maurice in 'Beauty and The Beast', Danny Zuko in 'Grease Jr', and Young Simba in 'The Lion King: The Musical Jr'. He is currently apart of Jr. Thespians Troupe 89214, and plays the Tuba in Wind Ensemble. Isaiah would like to thank his parents for allowing him to take up any oppourtunities he can, and all of his friends for encouraging him.



Eden Rosa

8th Grade

is excited to be in Howard Middle's How to Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play. He loves to learn at Howard. When he's not in school Eden enjoys drawing and playing video games. His recent credits involve ensemble in Robin Hood, the cave of wonders in Aladdin, and the fabulous, amazing beast body double. He would like to thank his mom, dad, friends, and family for always being supportive.



Lucia Sanchez

8th Grade

is thrilled to be in How to Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play! Previously at Howard, she has been in Frozen (Ensemble), Robin Hood and His Merry Men (Lady Elizabeth), and Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl). Outside of school, Lucia enjoys hanging out with her friends, reading, doing STEM, and sharing dad jokes. She would like to thank her friends for all their support (love y'all!), her sister Emilia, and her parents (los quiero todo <3).



DJ Sturdwant

8th Grade

is very excited to be in How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play. This is his 4th show here at Howard Middle School. But when he is not performing or learning here at HMS, he spends his time roller skating, drawing, and singing. He would like to thank all his close family and friends for always supporting him and helping him get to the point he is at now.



Izzy Vose

8th Grade

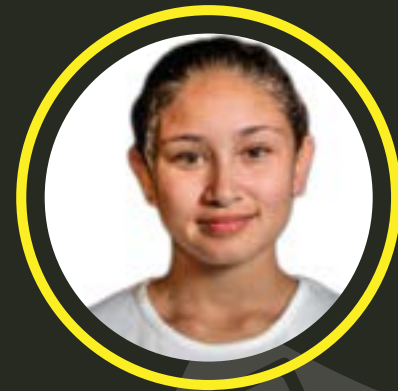
This is Izzy's 4th and last production at Howard. Her previous productions at Howard include 'Beauty and The Beast Jr' as LeFou, 'Frozen Jr' as Kristoff, and 'Once On This Island Jr' as Ensemble. She is incredibly grateful to the people who got her to this point. She would like to thank her friends and her family for supporting her.



Chloe Williams

8th Grade

This is Chloe's second and final play at Howard Middle School! She has performed medleys at the Dr Phillips Center and IRSC. Chloe has also performed and did makeup at Jr Thespian district where she also won best in show for improv twice. Finally, Chloe has participated in the Howard Middle students showcase. Chloe would like to thank her family for supporting her dreams forever and always!



Gianna Fayas

8th Grade

is very happy to be in her second school play! Recently, Gianna has done shows such as Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory at CFC Arts and 12 Angry Men at Jr Thespian district where she won best in show for ensemble acting. Gianna wants to thank her family and friends, specifically her mother, father, sister, and brother for always supporting her dreams.



Belle Boen

7th Grade

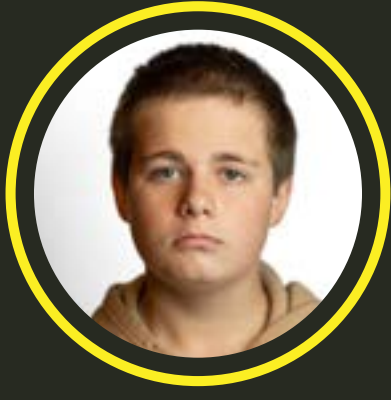
It's so awesome that I get to be a part of my second Howard play. I only started getting interested in theater last year and I never thought I'd end up here. I feel like I've met my favorite people due to theater, even my favorite teachers. Thank you so much for attending this play, we worked so hard!



Saijani Fontanez

8th Grade

has liked tech theatre since 5th grade. They've enjoyed their years being able to participate in Howard Middle School plays.



Hudson Buholz

8th Grade

is a member of the house crew who has worked on two plays, bringing his passion for theater production to life. He takes pride in his work and strives to support the production team in any way he can.



Estela Garcia-Rodriguez

7th Grade

is extremely proud to be part of "How to Survive a Shakespeare Play" as a crew member. She's always loved building things ever since her first Lego at the age of 3. Now she's so grateful to be with other talented props and crew members that help bring the magic to the stage by building things. She's also grateful to her teachers (JPR) for this opportunity and proud to be at HMS.



Levi Davis

8th Grade

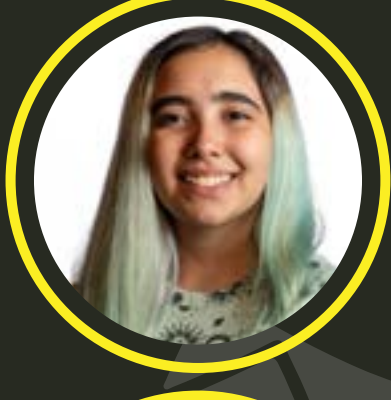
has been looking forward to working on the tech theater crew. He has made props for the shows Frozen Jr. and Beauty and the Beast Jr. He is excited to finally work as head of the props department. Levi loves creating things and putting them out into the world for people to see. Working in technical theater will be a stepping stone on Levi's path to working in film and TV production at Dr Phillips High School and beyond.



Gracelyn Gray

7th Grade

is one of the lead makeup artists. She was recently chosen to represent Howard Middle School's Visual Arts department to create a banner to hang in downtown Orlando for the OCPS Banner Project 2023. To prepare for her job as lead makeup artist in this production she had the privilege of being mentored by a professional Halloween Horror Nights makeup artist. She also practices the art of aerial silks in her free time and is always up for a trip to Starbucks.



Yaslene Delgado

8th Grade

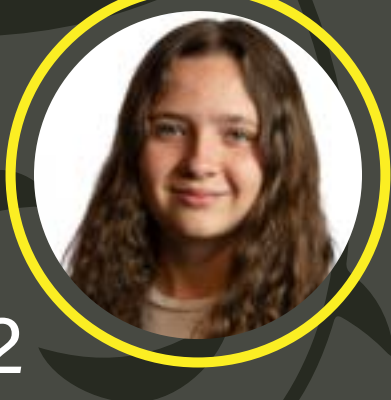
is excited to see the show come together. She has had a great time working with cast and crew.



Grace Hayman

7th Grade

enjoys working behind the scenes rather than being on stage. Their other passion is writing. Grace hasn't attempted to write a play yet, but may in the future.



Caroline DeMarco

7th Grade

is in 7th grade. How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play is her first time serving on the scenic crew. She looks forward to being a part of more Howard productions in the future.



Arriana Hylton

7th Grade

is a hardworking student. She takes interest in baking and cooking. She is currently working hard on her 5th year of dancing and is striving for more years to come.



Vivian Lannin

7th Grade

Hi I'm excited to do this show again. I enjoy horror books, surfing, and skateboarding. I hope we have a good show



Alexis Nadeau

7th Grade

is a creative and diligent student who is passionate about all forms and aspects of theatre. She can be hyper or seem to be unfocused, but she remains hard working and dedicated no matter the circumstance. As one of the Set Design leads for Howard Middle School's Spring Play "How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play" much of the external workings and stage details were designed and even made by her.



Chloe Leon

8th Grade

is 13 years old and part of the sound crew. This is her second show at Howard Middle, and she is very excited to be working on a show again.



Kimberly Parnell

8th Grade

This is Kimberly's first crew position for a Howard show but she has been in the cast of some other shows including Frozen Jr and Beauty and the Beast Jr. She is so excited to be apart of Howard Middle School's production of How to Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play.



Noah Lesch

8th Grade

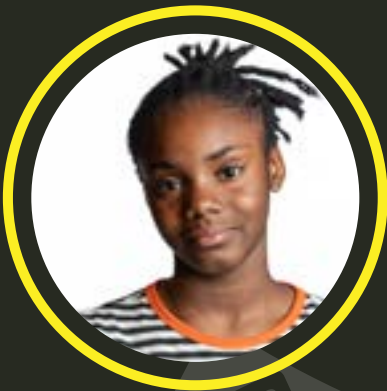
is an extremely charismatic individual. I have great respect for him. If I were to describe him in a quote, it would be "The goal is not simply to 'work hard, play hard!' The goal is to make our work and our play indistinguishable."- Simon Sinek



Genesis Pastrana-Vazquez

8th Grade

Hello, Genesis Pastrana-Vazquez is now speaking! She is very excited to be part of "How To Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play!" And also, she is very excited to share this amazing experience with everyone else!



Riley Martin

8th Grade

is honored to be a part of the crew for How to Survive Being In A Shakespeare Play as one the leads in lightning. She is an intelligent & amazing person. She's had the opportunity to be apart of 2 productions here at Howard Middle School & can't wait for the upcoming spring show



Z Siegel

8th Grade

is an eighth grader who enjoys being apart of the backstage of shows. As one of the ASM's in the show, Z is a responsible and trustable person to help with any problem the actors have in the show. Z was apart of the previous two shows at Howard as the lighting lead and has experience with being apart of the shows. They have found interest in tech theatre since the beginning of middle school. This is their last show at Howard Middle and they are really appreciative of this opportunity.



Kaylen McDuffie

7th Grade

is in the 7th grade she has all theater classes. This is her second Howard Ranger show that she is working tech crew. For the shows in the school year of 2022-2023 she worked in costume crew. She is on the honor roll and excels in all her classes.



Deven Tomlinson

8th Grade

joined tech theatre out of pure curiosity, but he found that he enjoys running the show backstage.



Evan Varner

8th Grade

is working on his 3rd show at Howard as a sound crew member. He has worked as a lead for the past 2 shows; Beauty and the Beast and Robin Hood respectively. This will be his final show at Howard and is happy to be finishing it with his friends.



Jaiven Williams

8th Grade

I enjoy doing my job and working to make sure that cast is up and ready. I need to make sure I'm able to do my part to make sure the show does its best.



Belinda Flores

is in her 10th year teaching for OCPS. Before her teaching career; she was a full-time singer/actor who sang her way across three continents. A veteran cruise ship performer; she sang for the inaugurations of the M.S. Oosterdamm (Holland America) and the Disney Wonder; and also toured the country for Holland America. She is in her 26th year as a performer for Universal Orlando, and her voice can be heard on national radio spots, video games, and local attractions



John Payne-Rios (JPR)

is originally from Louisiana and has been involved in theatre since he was seven years old. Since moving here in 2005, he has directed, acted, stage-managed, fight-choreographed, and dramaturged throughout Orlando. He is thrilled to be part of the faculty at Howard as the Technical Theatre Director. He taught theatre at Seminole State College, Oak Ridge High School, Odyssey Middle School; and currently also teaches at Valencia College. He wants to thank his husband and their daughter for their continued support and love.

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Izzy Vose

We are so proud of you and the actor you have become while attending Howard. Take all you have learned from Howard and look forward to the next part of your journey. Enjoy your last show on the HMS stage... we love you.

Mom, Dad, Emily and Olivia



Chloe,

We are so proud of all the dedication and hard work you have put into your craft. We can't wait to see you light up the stage for your last performance at Howard. Remember to keep pushing for the stars and shine bright when you catch it!

With love from you biggest supporters:

Mom, Dad, Tysheka, Robbie, Zoey & family



Jonah Bloom

From "The Lion King" to "Robin Hood" to "Beauty and the Beast," you continue to impress us! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Sasha



Mikhaela Lewis



Love
Dad, Mom & Mayah

You continue to WOW us with your AMAZING talent! We are so proud of all the work you put into your craft and love seeing you on stage!

Shout Outs!

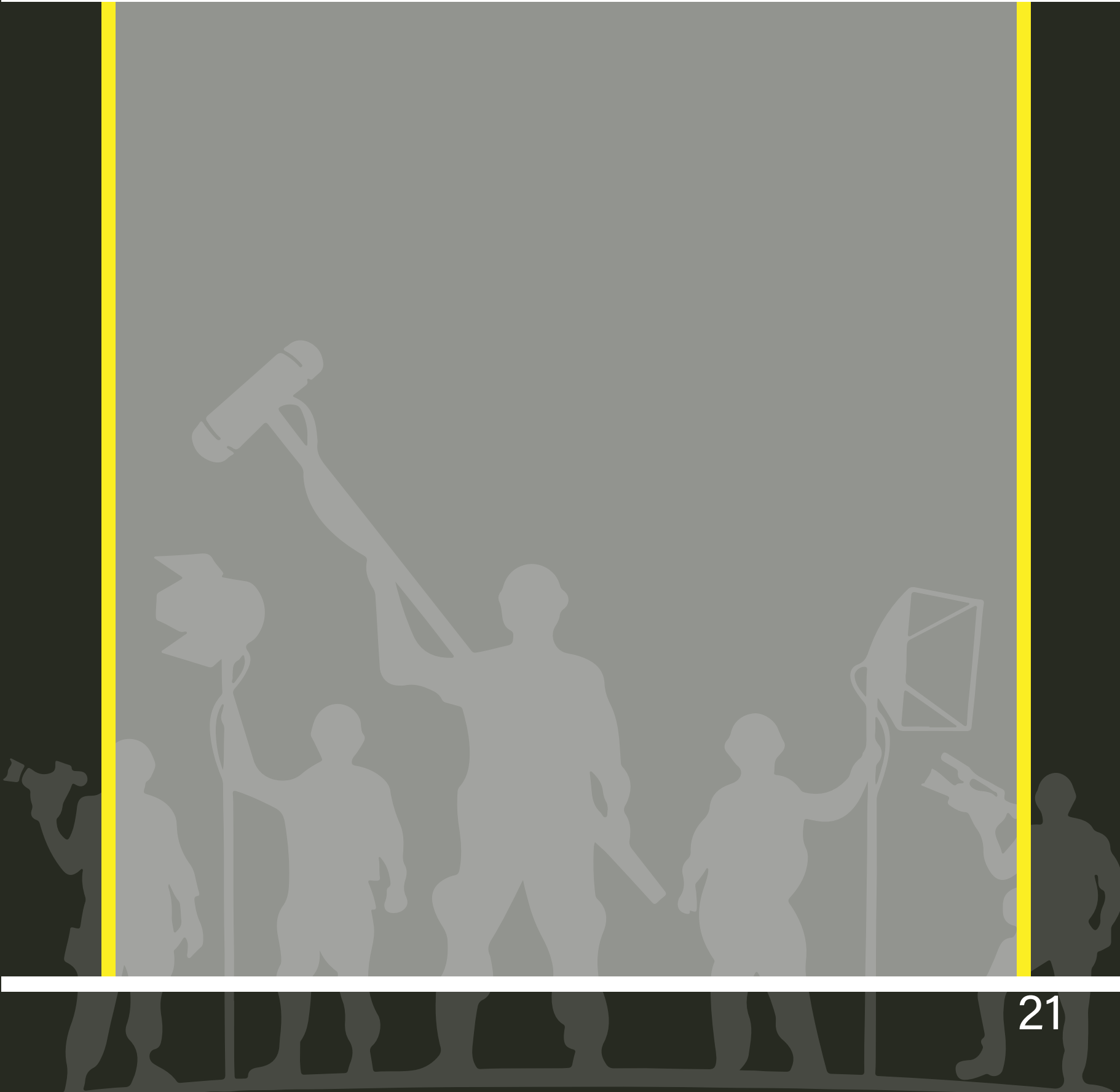
Mosi Arthur

Way to go, King Henry!! We are always so proud of you! Break a leg - we love you!
Mom & Dad

Reese Lasser

Break a leg Reese Lasser! Super proud of your hard work and passion.
Love Mom, Dad, Nora & Keegan

Autographs



Enjoy The Show!