

WBHS Theatre Arts Program Presents

The 2009 – 2010 Theatre Season



Season Theme: **LIBERTY - THE MOST PRECARIOUS AND NECESSARY RIGHT FOR ALL HUMAN BEINGS.**

“Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.” - Thomas Jefferson

FALL PLAY: *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (ABRIDGED!)* - Throughout his prolific career, the old bard wove a magnificent tapestry of theatrical masterpieces. Shakespeare's works serve as a narrative for all ages, with each unique construct playing a specialized role in relaying the human story. We stage for you the full array of his masterworks, via the witty, raucous vehicle of the show's imaginative playwrights. Not a fan of traditional Shakespeare? Our option may just fit the bill. **AUDITION DATE:** Wed, Sept. 24th
PERFORMANCE DATES: Thurs, Nov. 5th – Sat, Nov. 7th

CHILDREN'S SHOW: *James and the Giant Peach* - based on the classic children's novel by English author Roald Dahl, the stories follows the adventures of a young orphan boy named James. Traveling inside a gigantic peach and accompanied by human-sized, talking insects, James experiences untold adventures and excitement. Guaranteed to entertain the entire family, save for those in the family who do not enjoy stories about giant peaches and talking insects. **PERFORMANCE DATES:** Fri, Dec. 4th (daytime performance) – Sat, Dec. 5th (public performance)

MIFA ONE-ACT:1984 - Based on the highly acclaimed novel by George Orwell, the story paints a dark, dystopian portrait of a world where big brother is always watching. The stage adaptation of Orwell's highly remarkable work of fiction forces audiences to question the nature and surveillance tactics of government entities in a world where suppression and compliance have replaced human liberty. All too relevant in modern times, *1984* promises to entertain thoughtful considerations about the world of tomorrow. **AUDITION DATES:** TBA, **PERFORMANCE DATES:** Sat, Jan. 30th (districts), Tues, Feb. 9th (dinner theatre), Sat, Feb. 13th (regionals), **State Festival Dates:** TBA

FILM FESTIVAL: *2010 Orchard Lake Student Film Festival* – This year's festival will once again serve to showcase the creative talents of video production and theatre students from across the Detroit Metro area. The festival will also premiere this year's feature-length film, *The Heist*. In this year's film, intrigue and suspense mount within a highly politicized student population where rival groups battle to outwit each other. **FESTIVAL DATES:** Fri, Feb. 5th (premiere of feature film) – Sat, Feb. 6th (general festival)

SPRING MUSICAL: *Les Miserables* -The musical sensation that took the world by storm, *Les Miserables* holds the remarkable distinction of being the third longest-running Broadway show of all time. The story depicts a heroic struggle against tyranny and adversity in late 19th Century France. The central character, Jean Valjean, is released from prison following a 19-year sentence and struggles to find absolution in the face of a world where the righteous are oppressed. Winner of twelve Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Original Score, *Les Miserables* represents a palpable theatrical celebration of the human experience. **AUDITION DATES:** TBA, **PERFORMANCE DATES:** Thurs, Apr. 22nd - Sat, Apr. 24th