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A trimester newsletter from the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance

Fine Arts Students Amaze Audiences with 'Joseph'

After months of planning, blocking, choreographing, sewing, building sets and rehearsing, the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Department presented "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in a 7-performance run in March. Over 70 students



participated as cast and crew of the colorful, energetic show, written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

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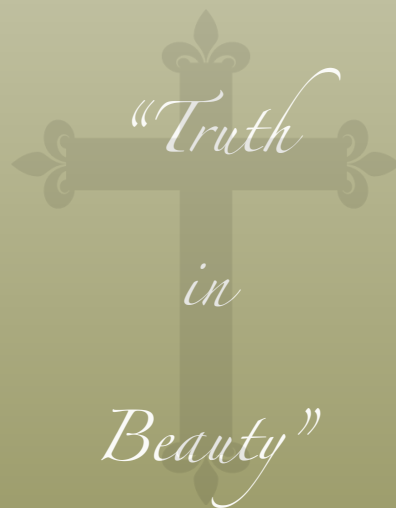
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Save the Date!

May 25: 2016-17 Choir Auditions

May 31: Open Mic Night



'Joseph', cont.

"Joseph's" upbeat songs and message of mercy and forgiveness have made it a popular choice for school productions, offering a "lively and enjoyable introduction to musical theatre." In fact, a fledgling Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Department first performed the show ten years ago in 2006.

Putting together a musical in two months can be a



(Top: The 11 brothers and narrators sing "Joseph's Dreams"; far left: Seniors Jack Sahn as Pharoah and Luke McLean as Joseph; left: sophomore Katie Gauker does AJ Hacker's makeup)



challenge, but the standing room only audiences for this year's production would certainly agree the work was worth it. Show Director Marcia Murphy summed the process up best: "As we move towards opening night there is always a lot of messiness! We're tired, costumes are falling apart, the make-up hasn't come in and every sort of unimaginable unpleasant event is happening!!! It seems as if everything is out of our control. Then the show begins and I am delighted by God's goodness. Despite the fact that this process is messy, God takes the mess and makes something beautiful!"



(Above: Teacher Perry Page made a special guest appearance as Jacob)

Guerin Catholic Music Department Hits the Big Apple

74 student musicians and 28 chaperones and parents travelled to New York City April 20-24 to share the gift of music. Choir and band students performed at the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Hell's Kitchen — in coordination with their school community and the Sisters of Life — and at the Most Precious Blood parish in Little Italy. In addition to the performances, the trip included many sightseeing experiences including the “Top of the Rock”, Chinatown/Little Italy, Central Park and Times Square, plus tours of the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The trip culminated with the Broadway smash, “Les Miserables”.

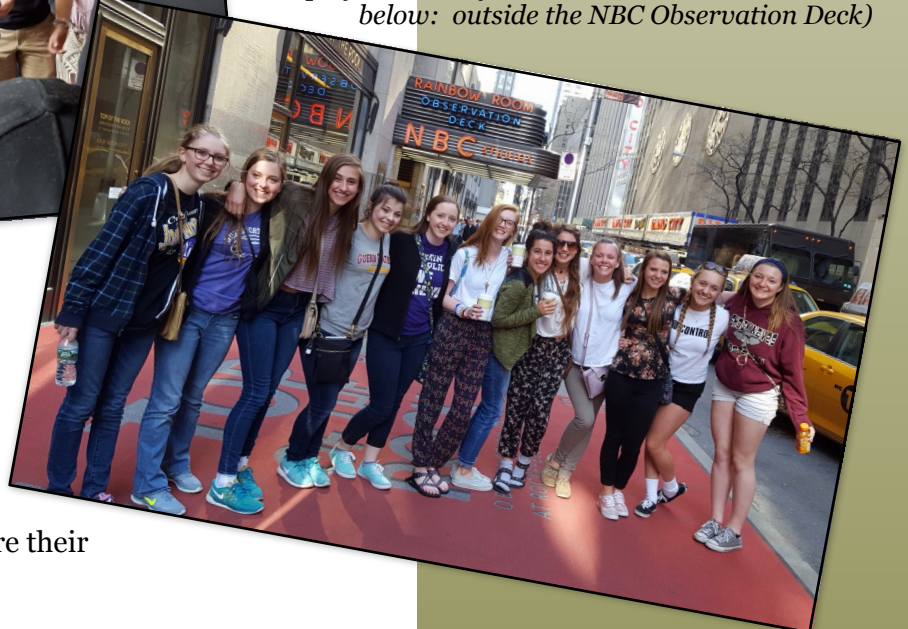
“I don’t like to compare trips as each one has its own special moments,” said Mr. Duray. “But this trip was truly an extension of a



(Above: Choir members sing at the Church of the Most Precious Blood; left: a spontaneous performance of “Teach Us” in Central Park; below: outside the NBC Observation Deck)



great legacy of NYC trips! From the people we see and meet, the folks for whom we perform, the stories, the sights, it was evident that Christ and His beauty were everywhere. The only thing I’d add is if you’d like to hear how NYC was, just ask any of the students who went to share their story.”

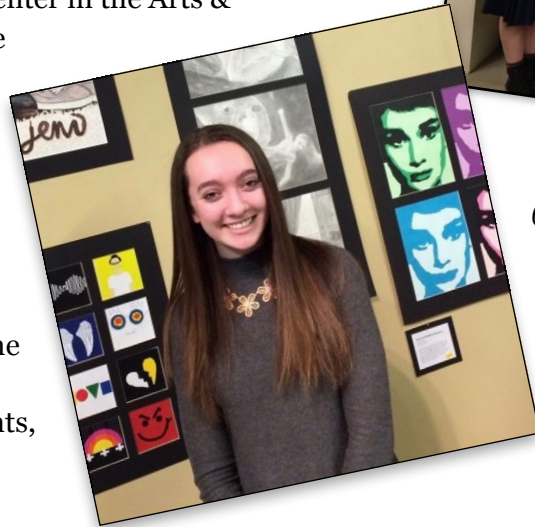


Artists Shine at IB Art Show

The work of Guerin Catholic IB Art Students was displayed at a very special art show at the Indiana Design Center in Carmel February 11-15. The show opened with an evening event to celebrate the talented work of these students.

Student art portfolios were beautifully displayed at the Center, with many pieces available for purchase.

“The Carmel Design Center in the Arts & Design District was the perfect backdrop to showcase the beautiful collections of work of these talented young artists,” said Mrs. Murphy. “It was heartwarming to see the wonderful turnout of Guerin parents, students, faculty and staff at the opening night event.”



(top, left to right: students Sadie Burrows, Lucy Semler, Jeni Ginder, Rachel Folstrom, Brady Kimmel and Susi Peredo-Muniz; left: Jeni Ginder with some of her work)

Comedy Sportz Matches Students vs. Teachers

The final Comedy Sportz match of the year was Guerin Catholic teachers versus students held on Friday, May 5 in the cafetorium, with the students winning in a very close competition.

According to Mr. Panucek, the teacher/student match is one of the best attended of the year. “I think the students really like to see their teachers up on stage competing in improv,” he said. “Teachers learn some of the games on the fly, get up on stage and have some fun.”

Students Sadie Burrows, Jack Sahm, Brian Grisham, Everett Mitchel, Blake Miller and Jackie Myers competed against teachers and staff members Stephanie Ganser, Justin Turpen, Neil Rafferty, Zach Haselhorst, Nancy Miller, Mike Panasuk and Marcia Murphy. Will Billand helped out on voice and keeping score.



Guerin's Got Talent!

Guerin Catholic students shared their talents with their classmates, teachers, staff and guests during the annual talent show in the gym. From piano to guitar, voices to drums, these students sent everyone away for spring break on a really high note!



(top right: Sophomore Sophia Fernandez; above: Juniors Blake Miller, Jackie Myers, Senior Clare Arrivo and Junior Kyle Curtis; right: Senior Sam Vondersaar singing "Time in a Bottle" with a special guest appearance by his father; below: the Guerin Catholic Girls Next Door)



Annual Deanery Instrumental Festival

Band students from our Deanery parochial schools, as well as orchestra members from Our Lady of Grace, joined the Guerin Catholic band and orchestra students all day Saturday, February 27 for the Annual Deanery Instrumental Festival.



“This event is a terrific opportunity for all of the student musicians to get together for music, food and fellowship,” said Mr. Duray. Students were grouped in instrument sectional rehearsals all morning with each school’s director rotating from group to group. Lunch was served, followed by a “tutti” (all instruments together) rehearsal in the gym, before a final concert was performed in the afternoon for parents and guests. It was a wonderful day of activity, celebrating beautiful music and Catholic community!

Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Festivals

Congratulations to all of the Guerin Catholic students who participated in this year’s ISSMA Solo and Ensemble festivals January 30th and February 6th, and the state qualifier April 30th.

Throughout the school year ISSMA sponsors a variety of “educationally evaluated music performance activities for the students and teachers of the State of Indiana, to assist in the development of performance oriented assessment of state and national musical academic standards.” Each year, Guerin Catholic has a number of students participate in the Solo and Ensemble festival. This year, participating at the highest level and earning gold and silver ratings, were Sarah Downing, Annie Allgier, Jack Loub, Maci McClaine, Blake Miller and Dominic Duray.

GoldenVoice, Guerin Catholic's select, mixed chorale participated in the highest-level festival, the state qualification event, and was awarded a gold rating, along with a gold rating in sight-reading.



Thanks to Our *Amazing* Musical Volunteers

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the parent volunteers who provided food, helped with costumes, sold concessions and flowers, built sets and assisted with many other tasks in the production and performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". We couldn't have done it without you!

Michele Allgier
Michelle Arbuckle
Donna Arrivo
Angela Bailey
Steve Bailey
Christine Burrows
Elyse Cloran
Kenya Cobb
Meredith Cummings
Kathy Farrell
Mary Phillip
Liane Foerder
Jill Folstrom
Paige Frawley
Barb Gallina

Liz Griswold
Kerry Hacker
Todd Hacker
Rhonda Koehl
Melissa Koenig
Christina Lewandowski
Carolyn Loub
Sarah March
Marianne McLean
Anita Meyers
John Meyers
Nancy Miller
David Murphy
Tricia Powers
Mary Quinn

Robert Rancourt
Dawn Sahn
Colleen Scariano
Gina Sell
JoAnn Shafer
Elizabeth Smith
Mollie Smith
Kaiser Swidan
Deb Titus
Caroline VanAtter
Amy Vaiana
Cindy Vondersaar



Become a Member!

The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance (GCFAA) strives to assist the Director of Fine Arts, Mark Duray, and other faculty of the department of Fine Arts in any way needed. GCFAA serves our young artists by providing the time, talent and treasure necessary to support their efforts. The GCFAA also helps to increase awareness of our fine arts program and the powerful value it brings to our community. Whether through prayer, financial support or direct involvement — WE NEED YOU!

Interested in becoming a member of the GCFAA? See below for a complete list of opportunities for involvement. Or contact our Co-Presidents with any questions or for more information.

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Be an Archangel! (\$1000)

Includes: 2 GCFAA car decals, 2 GCFAA travel coffee mugs, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be an Angel! (\$500)

Includes: 2 GCFAA car decals, 2 GCFAA travel coffee mugs, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be a Saint! (\$200)

Includes: GCFAA car decal, a GCFAA travel coffee mug, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be a Friend! (\$50)

Includes: GCFAA car decal and donor recognition in event programs.

Volunteer!

- Assist with Art Shows
- Ticket Sales/Concessions
- Newsletter/Communications
- Chaperoning Trips/Events
- Making Costumes
- Theatre Set Construction
- Coordinating Volunteers
- Meals/Receptions/Hospitality
- Administrative/Clerical
- Assist with Outreach

Pray for Us!

Bless the creators, O God of Creation, who by their gifts make the world a more joyful and beautiful realm.

Through their labors they teach us to see more clearly the truth around us.

In their inspiration they call forth wonder and awe in their own living.

In their hope and vision they remind us that life is holy.

Bless all who create in your image, O God of Creation. Pour Your Spirit upon them that their hearts may sing and their works be fulfilling. Amen.

Where Are They Now? Checking in with our Fine Arts Alumni. . . Class of 2015

Just one year ago Guerin Catholic said goodbye to the Class of 2015. So how did the freshman year go for our fine arts graduates? We checked in with a few to get their take on the fine arts college experience.

Jared Brinkworth, Ball State University

Jared joined fellow Guerin Catholic Alums Andrew Swidan ('15) and Charlie Cummings ('16) in "Unexpected Resolution", Ball State's All-Male A Capella group, and is involved with Ball State's Association of Collegiate A Capella. He is majoring in Chemistry and planning to either teach or do research.

Chris Hacker, Loyola University Chicago

Chris joined the Loyola "Acafellas", the all-male a capella group which "sings songs without girls or instruments". He currently sings tenor one with the group, and will serve as the ad/pr chair next year. He also participated in the Loyola Chamber choir first semester. Chris is majoring in journalism and political science and is a founding editor of Loyola's new satirical newspaper, *The Gull*.

Emily March, University of Southern Indiana

Emily attends USI in Evansville as a theatre major. This past year she took part in her university's chamber choir and was a lead in their spring musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". She will be touring Ireland this summer with the chamber choir for an international competition.

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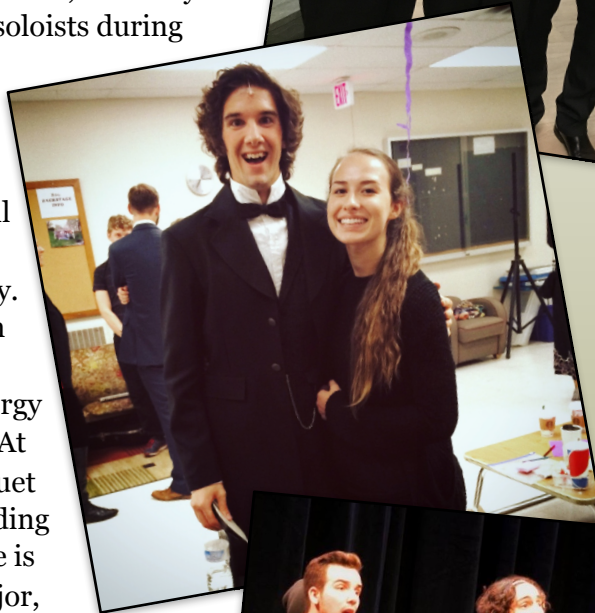
Therese Miller, Marian University

Therese is involved in Marian's Sacred Choir, a mixed choral ensemble, along with fellow Guerin Catholic alum Rebekah Dickerson, Class of 2013. At their final concert of the school year Sacred Choir Director Clair Bain was honored for her dedication to the group as she moves to a new position at nearby St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Other Sacred Choir alumni and Guerin Catholic alumni performing at the concert were Hannah DuLac, GC Class of 2008, and Joey Garcia, GC Class of 2007, who were both soloists during the performance. Joey even conducted the ensemble for one of the numbers!



Emma Rund, Ball State University

Emma is a Theatrical Studies major at Ball State. She takes dance, acting, and voice classes, but found her niche in dramaturgy. Faculty nominated Emma to be entered in the Kennedy Center American College National Theatre Festival for her dramaturgy work on "Alias Grace", a main stage play. At the theatre and dance departmental banquet Emma was awarded the "Overall Outstanding Freshman: Rookie of the Year" award. She is loving every minute of being a theatre major, and wouldn't change it for the world!



Andrew Swidan, Ball State University

Andrew is a creative writing and psychology major and still loves to sing. He spends much of his time rehearsing and performing with his a cappella group "Unexpected Resolution". He is looking forward to hopefully arranging some songs for his group in the future.

