

DRAMA SPRING SHOW

Drama's Spring Production: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

By: Wan Po
Reporter

While spring is arriving this year, so is Valencia Drama's new production. Our homemade play called The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged is coming and tickets will be available on March 1st!

"It's brilliant beyond belief, and compliments the greatest English playwright of all time. Come and pee yo' pants (from laughter, of course) and enjoy the delightful performances," cast member Josh Rangel exclaimed.

One of the most world-known playwrights, William Shakespeare, had written numerous plays, poems, and literary works. He is famous for both his humor and creativity and use of words; these talents and his hard work allowed him to create so many distinguished literary pieces, especially his plays, throughout centuries. Interestingly, the Reduced Shakespeare Company wrote a parody using Shakespeare's works and ideas - they produced The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged. It was originally performed by 3 actors, and the play follows such an untraditional way of presenting many of the greatest classics of Shakespeare. Most importantly, this piece of good work really gives Valencia Drama cast of 7 boys, 6 girls freedom to interpret with imagination, as broad as they wish.

The Audience can expect to see both Romeo and Juliet, being on stage, funnily exchange their love for one another, which is already so different from anything most people have ever seen. And almost every minute of the entire play will be devoted to entertaining the people by mixing different elements

from various plays from the greatest playwright William Shakespeare such as: Titus Andronicus, which would be portrayed as an amusing cooking show; Othello, in which all of the histories are acted out through an American football game; a reduction of Julius Caesar to his death that would be followed immediately by a reduction of Antony and Cleopatra; next, the story of Macbeth, one of the best tragedies that Shakespeare had written; furthermore, we will be able to see the various revenges that take places in Hamlet turning into so many different intelligent parodies. In sum, this play provides such liberal, rather free, reorganization of something, like Shakespeare's classics, and transforms them into the most comical scenes and story lines that we can never imagine. Holding a relaxing attitude, anyone can sure to enjoy this particular Valencia's spring play to the fullest.

One of the most special things about this play is that each person plays, at least, more than 2 roles. And also, they expanded the play that was originally played by three actors into a huge cast of thirteen. This arrangement requires multiple personalities from our actors and actresses - which will definitely push everyone's skill or even his or her acting career into an even higher level.

Having been rehearsing every day after school, from three to five-thirty, the cast of The Complete Work of William Shakespeare Abridged has been continuing to perfect the entire production as a whole. Be ready to let the following people entertain and surprise you: Daniel Chavez, Chase Evans, Simon Federman, Dillion Fontes, Cassie Forrester, Samantha Green, Casey Hinger, Haley Holmes, Davey Linam, Haley Montero, Josh Rangel, Shekina

Rivera, and Emmanuel Ventura-Cruess. And so will the people who worked very hard behind the scenes, stage managers Jake Fry and Tabita Cercea, assistant director Emily Sharp, and director Mrs. Stanton.

In order to show us another best production, Valencia Drama members worked with almost no limit. Moving props, practicing regularly, memorizing scripts, organizing costumes, putting themselves into their characters, asking director for better advices, constructively criticizing each other, improving acting skills, all of the cast members engaged their lives, at least for now, into creating the greatest stage experience for both we, the Valencia students and teachers, and themselves.

"It's unlike any other production we've put on before. It really engages in the audience," stated assistant director Emily Sharp importantly.

"I am challenged by the play because it is not traditional, but I am certain that with my talented cast, we will create an entertaining show," said Mrs. Stanton, Valencia Drama director.

The combination of creativity and freedom and Valencia Cast will surely create infinite chemistry, and of course, we should give as much support as we can for Valencia's amazing Drama because the members, who try to continue the great tradition of Valencia High School, and hold the purpose of a drama club.

DRUMLINE COMPETITION

By: Jin Joo Hong
Reporter

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, there was a drum line competition at the Valencia High School. This competition was sponsored by South California Percussion Alliance (SCPA). There were total of six sections, including PSJ, PIA, PSA, PSO, PSW and PIW. Tigers competed in PSA section, placing 4th with the score of 74.80. The highest score was 78.95 by Granada Hills High School. However, Valencia High School's music score was 77, which was the highest. The lowest score we got was from the visual section. There were over 33 high schools and we are very proud of Tigers who performed at the SCPA competition.

To explain some information about the drum line, drum line is a section of percussion instruments usually played as part of a musical marching ensemble. The battery is the drum section that marches on the field as a group. The battery usually consists of snare drums, bass drums, tenor drums, and cymbals. Stationary percussion within a marching ensemble is called the front ensemble or pit.

Our performance time was 4:56 and the location was the new gym. "It was very fun and entertaining. I enjoyed watching and

performing in the SCPA" one of the band members of VHS, Aaron See (9) commented, "Actually, I enjoyed watching all of the percussion groups." He commented that the best part of the competition was probably watching RCC section and Pulse Percussion play. "They were amazing, really skilled at what they do!" Band team practiced for about 2 to 3 times a week for the past 2 months. Placing fourth out of 33 schools is a great pride of Tigers and band team is improving every day. They have practiced really hard and brought an excellent result. Drumline went to a competition at Rancho Cook on February 27, 2010. We recieved 1st place beating the 2nd place school by 2 points and El Dorado by 12 points, which placed in 4th. We did so well in this competition that we got bumped up from 'A' class to 'Open' class. What does that mean you ask? Well, 'A' class is equivelent to being Fresh-Soph, 'Open is JV and 'World' would be Varsity.

Valencia High School drum line team made the school proud. Also directors and other teachers helped the team to become better. Valencia High School drum line team is proud of themselves and also thankful to their teachers and director. They hope that they can win again with good result next time. Tigers are looking forward to the drum line team to bring pride again. GO TIGERS!!!

IN BRIEF

March 19: ASB Elections

Vote for the 2010-2011 ASB officers during 2nd period. Your vote counts!

March 18-20: Spring Drama Show

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" shows Shakespeare's plays from a different point of view. These hilarious renditions of each play will sure to give you a laugh. Come support the Drama program and watch the show! Tickets are \$7 dollars pre-sale and \$10 at the door.

March 22-26: Spirit Week

Show your school spirit and participate in all the activities during Spirit Week.

April 1: Comedy Sportz

Another match has been prepared for your laughing enjoyment. Come and watch it in the Auditorium.

April 2: Music in the Park

Enjoy music by the VHS music department in the auditorium.

April 2: Beginning of Spring Break

•Have fun and be safe during Spring Break!

April 16: End of 3rd Quarter

This is will be the end of the 3rd quarter and a step closer to the end of the school year. Stay focused seniors!

April 20-21: STAR Testing

Eat a healthy breakfast and be prepared for the STAR Testing.

April 20: Senior Class Meeting

Although seniors do not take the STAR tests, they still have to go to the Senior Class Meeting in order to be informed about upcoming events.

A TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

By: **Sargun Singh**
Reporter

On the night of the Valencia High School Talent Show, the students of VHS crowded the auditorium to experience the wondrous talent of many young and rising stars. The talents show was full of delighted student who hope to acquire their dreams. The event showcased music, dancing, skits, and humor among many other entertaining crafts. This talent show was held by the immensely talented and skilled Choir of Valencia High School for the student population. The event held the purpose of giving the students the opportunity to enjoy the many talents found within our school. The opening act of the night was blown away by the bagpipe skit performed by Erin Scott(12). This started off the night with the spectacular performance that portrayed the Irish culture that is being kept alive by the continuing genera-

tions of various cultures and ethnicities. The other performances had a myriad of dances such as Hip-Hop performed by Julian Talens(12) and Vicente Montil(12). The overall winner of the dance category at the talent show was Francine Gonzales. She displayed a beautifully choreographed break dance that pumped up the crowd. This was an extremely popular performance that got the audience cheering and roaring over the extravagance of the dance style. Talens and Montil did an exceptionally well job on stage as well. When asked about their performance and the overall show, Montil explains, "the Talent Show is a great way to show our talent and we had a great time performing for sugar dough." However, the best performance of the night, as decided by the esteemed judges, was Alex Bouskill's(12) performance of the saxophone. He did a beautiful job with this instrument, showing the true beauty of jazz and the striking notes that amplified the night and amazed

all. As the night went on the crowd continued to enjoy each event. In the singing category, there were many performances from classical to contemporary. A crowd-pleasing performance would definitely have to be that of Daniel Trevino, who sang a compilation of songs of the beloved, revered, and dearly departed Michael Jackson, whose music still lingers in our hearts. The audience was extremely pumped when the first line of the Michael Jackson Song was uttered. It brought back the greatness of the magnificent, talented, and highly acclaimed Michael Jackson. Another talented artist who won the recognition of best original piece was Madison Tang(11). For her talent, Tang performed an original piece with lyrics written and music composed by her. Furthermore, she played the guitar, which was also a crowd-pleaser due to the double dose presented. The best vocal recognition of the night was given to Arianna Flores for her classical singing of

the "Ave Maria". This song required tremendous vocal strength and talent which Flores carried out well. Among the many highly qualified judges were, Mrs. Jauch, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Chung. These judges seemed to have enjoyed all the performances and were very pleased with the end result. It was hard to decide the winner of the competition since all the acts were amazing and filled with skill, talent, passion, and enthusiasm. Even after the Talent Show, students and teachers continue to ponder on the multi-talented students found within our diverse school population at Valencia. We hope that all these wonderful talents are further recognized in the future for the many gifts that they have. May they continue to prosper in whatever they do and achieve their dreams. Next year, we are eagerly waiting for more hidden talent of Valencia to take rise and prosper in our well accomplished school as it did this year.



WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY

By: **Sarah Rafiqi**
Editor

Valencia High School's leadership class brought the Ice Age back to the world, or more specifically, Valencia High School, on February 5, 2010, with the annual winter sports assembly. As per usual, the event consisted of updates on all of our athletic winter sports teams, such as Girls' Water Polo, Wrestling, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Basketball, and Boys' Basketball. However, the Associated Student Body members (ASB) also threw in some surprises, creating many pleasantly memorable moments.

The chosen theme for this year's Winter Sports Assembly was 'Ice Age'. Not only was this movie-based theme depicted in the actual type of assembly (Winter Sports) but also by the beautiful snowflakes hanging from the ceiling, the giant "Ice Age" poster on the wall, and the costumes and dialogue of the hosts.

To break the ice, the assembly began with a walk-in of all the winter sports teams. All of our proud teams showed spirit by enthusiastically running

through the gym and smashing through the banner at the edge of the room. Then came the individual appearances. First up was our amazing Girl's Water Polo. Athletes of the month were April Kim and Jenny Jensen.

Our capable Song team performed next. Afterwards the fantastic Boys' Soccer team was highlighted, including athletes of the month Bryan Es-



VHS Girls Dance show off their moves. Photo By: Michelle Powell.

calante, Jesse Sandoval, and Thomas Marin. The wonderful Girl's Soccer team was up next; their athletes of the month were Stephanie Calleros, Sierra Van Meter, and Nicole Millar.

The fabulous Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheer squads wowed the crowd with their competition routine. Then, we returned to sports with the

appearance of our very own, very impressive, Boys' Wrestling team. Mac Langenwalter was the Athlete of the Month for this particular winter sport.

Then, it was time for the famous class competition. The planned routine was for contestants to dress up in winter clothing and then throw snowballs through a hoop. Afterwards, the competitors fed Frosted Flakes to

their partners, whose hands were submerged in ice cold water. Finally, the last contestant had the trying task to bob for a gumball out of a bowl of flour.

Once this exciting competition came to a close, the admirable Girls'

Basketball team brought the audience back into the athletic spirit when Aunjanay Chambers, Bridget Licari, and Andrea Alvarado were named athletes of the month. However, the Vanilla Ice impersonation by Mr. Frank succeeded in pleasantly taking the audience by surprise and back into a more entertained mode.

Following this performance, our sensational Boys' HipHop team pumped up the gym with their latest dance routine. Finally, our beloved Boys' Basketball team rounded up the sports teams with the final sports highlight of the assembly. The athletes of the month for this team were Greg Hammond, Omar Perez, and Junior Gauta.

The rest of the assembly consisted of the following: a movie clip reviewing this year's winter sports teams and recognizing Coach Marujo's title as one of the OC Register's Top Ten Coaches of the Decade, the amazing Girls' Dance number, and an hilarious dodgeball ad.

Although all of this only took about an hour, the ASB members went through weeks of planning and preparation beforehand. The goal of ASB is to recognize our students for excellence and create excitement about VHS events and teams. This excitement, however, cannot be created without the help of the overall student body. Miss Millam, the temporary activities director for ASB would like to challenge the students to get more involved: dress up in their class colors, cheer for their favorite things, and not just sit around so quietly. She had this to say on the topic: "find your spirits, and let 'em rip."