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Fame Jr. kicks off OSHP 2016 season



OSHP kicks off 2016 with a teen production of *Fame Jr.* that will be held in the style of a black box theatre in the OHS PAC. Come join our teen production of the pop sensation about the legendary New York High School for the Performing Arts! Following students as they grow through four years at the school, *Fame Jr.* exposes both the students' heartaches and joys of reaching high for their dreams. Directed by Julie Wood and Ryan Wood.

Show dates and times are April 1 at 7:30 PM, April 2 at 1:30 and 7:30 PM, and April 3 at 1:30 PM.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm and Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the OHS Performing Arts Center. Please prepare a Broadway-style song that is no longer than 1 minute and wear comfortable clothes and shoes for dancing. By contract, all performers must be 18 years of age or younger. If you have questions about the auditions, rehearsals, or any other things about the show, please email the directors at auditions@oshponline.org.

Since the show is one weekend only and is being presented in a black box style, tickets will be limited. You will want to get them early!

Check the website for the latest updates:
<http://www.oshponline.org/famejr/internal.html>

***Big Fish* coming summer 2016**

Witches...mermaids...a circus...a field of daffodils...all play a part in the incredible, larger-than-life tales and adventures that Edward Bloom tells his son, Will, who is expecting his first child. When Edward's health deteriorates, Will visits his father and tries one last time to find out the truth about his father and to unleash the secrets his father taught him.

A heartfelt and powerful musical about the struggles of a father and son to understand each other, *Big Fish* has terrific lead and character roles and a large ensemble.

Directed by Jacob Berggren, mentored by Sarah Karlen.

2016-2017 season

The Board of Directors is developing our 2016-2017 season. If you are interested in being considered as a director or have a special show in mind that you think we should produce, please contact Duane Draper at artpol@oshponline.org. He would be happy to discuss your ideas and present them for board consideration. We are looking both for new directors and old friends.

Thank you for your support in 2015!

OSHP had an exciting year with lots of old and new friends! We started off with *The Giver* in the Prairie View Little Theatre. It was fun to see many OSHP 'old timers,' meet some talented newcomers, watch young performers developing into talented performers, and see many new young faces on stage. Then this summer, we were fortunate to share director Sarah Karlen's creative vision of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. We also had the biggest cast we have ever had on stage and definitely the most kids we've worked with. It was like having one very big family adventure!

Because of the generosity of our large casts we were able to meet our Shining Stars Goal and keep OSHP in good financial shape for the beginning of 2016. You may or may not know that royalties and show operating costs (such as renting the school and building sets, etc.) have increased over the years, and ticket sales alone do not cover these costs. We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who help produce, direct, and manage the shows, but Shining Stars is crucial to our success and growth. We appreciate our Shining Stars; remember OSHP is a non-profit organization and that your donation is tax deductible. We welcome donations at any time, so if you would like to donate before the end of the year, please make your check payable to OSHP and mail to 201 Market St, Oregon, WI 53575.

I look forward to working with you in 2016! Have a safe holiday season.

Julie Wood, OSHP President

BIG FISH

Auditions

May 22 & 23

For full audition information check the OSHP website at <http://www.oshponline.org/bigfish/internal.html>

Performances

July 30-August 6

Tickets

\$17 general, \$15 senior, \$12 youth

OSHP provides amateur theatre in and for the Oregon, Wisconsin community, offering opportunities to participate voluntarily in all production processes, striving for excellence while stressing enjoyment and entertainment, and welcoming all those who choose to associate with the Oregon area.