

# Albany High School Theatre Ensemble

2018-2019 SEASON



## Why Support the Theatre Ensemble & Arts-In-Education?

YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE ARTS ARE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

The arts make a tremendous impact on developmental growth and help to level the learning field across socio-economic boundaries. Students develop critical thinking, craftsmanship, quality task performance, goal setting, teamwork, communication skills, flexibility, imagination, and confidence needed for the classroom and beyond. Problem-solving in the demanding, creative, and collaborative world of the theatre gives our participants skills sought by today's business community.



"THIS IS PRECISELY THE TIME WHEN ARTISTS GO TO WORK.

There is no time for despair, no room for self-pity, no need for silence, no room for fear. We speak, we write, we do language. That is how civilizations heal."

Toni Morrison

# Dreams Do Come True!

*The Albany City School District is committed to its growing theatre arts program, and thanks to their support and yours, we now have our very own, dedicated teaching and rehearsal space, which lets us:*

- Collaborate with our existing vocational programs: Video & TV Production, Culinary Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Carpentry and Cosmetology
- Expand our technical theatre program
- Expand our Artist Activist and mentoring program in the elementary schools
- Continue our student-written tours to the middle and elementary schools, designed to address issues of identity and bullying



## HairSpray

**THE THEATRE ENSEMBLE SWEEPS THE 2018 PROCTORS HS MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS!**

*Best Musical - Tier A  
Best Actress - Annabelle Duffy  
Best Choreography Execution  
Best Technical Execution*

## This Season's Shows

### SWEET CHARITY

MARCH 28-30 @ 7, MARCH 31 @ 2

It's the 1960s and social norms and systems of power are being challenged. Charity Hope Valentine, despite having to earn a living as a dance-hall hostess, dreams of "something better than this." Unfortunately, she still believes her only way out is through her relationships with men. When she begins to see the pattern in the limiting views they have of her, she starts the journey of claiming her space in the world as a liberated woman. This classic musical remains relevant, as today's women continue to fight for a safer and more equitable world.

### THE WOMEN'S PROJECT

MAY 16-18 @ 7, MAY 19 @ 2

In the era of the "Me Too" movement, this original, student-written, world premiere explores, deconstructs and challenges our patriarchal culture, while empowering the diverse and intersectional voices who identify as women (cis and trans). Where and how does misogyny impact all of us and the systems we live and work in? Come experience this multi-media experimental theatre performance, whose very structure will push the boundaries of traditional story telling.



# Here's What Your Continued Support Will Do for Us...

*Ticket sales and stretched school resources make up only a portion of our budget. Your donation makes it possible for us to:*

- hire professional guest artists, whose guidance and artistry lead to networking and skill building
- purchase and repair lighting inventory and tools during the season, when school resources have already been allocated
- provide transportation to live professional theatre performances
- give scholarships to graduating seniors who have made the Theatre Ensemble their home

*WON'T YOU CONSIDER INVITING YOUR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES TO JOIN OUR SUPPORT TEAM?*

## Here's What We Will Do for You!

### BECOME AN ADVERTISER OR SPONSOR TODAY...

**PLATINUM | \$1000 AND UP** • Be named on our posters (pending printer deadlines). Receive a full-page ad and listing in both of our playbills and lobby displays, and 10 complimentary tickets for the season.

**GOLD | \$250 (ONE SHOW) OR \$450 (BOTH SHOWS - A 10% DISCOUNT)** • For each show you support, receive a full-page ad and listing in our playbill and lobby display, and 4 complimentary tickets.

**SILVER | \$175 (ONE SHOW) OR \$315 (BOTH SHOWS - A 10% DISCOUNT)** • For each show you support, receive a half-page ad and listing in our playbill and lobby display, and 2 complimentary tickets.

**BRONZE | \$100 (ONE SHOW) OR \$180 (BOTH SHOWS - A 10% DISCOUNT)** • Receive a 1/4-page ad and listing in our playbill and lobby display for each show you support, and 2 complimentary tickets for the season.

**COPPER | \$50 (ONE SHOW) OR \$90 (BOTH SHOWS - A 10% DISCOUNT)** • Receive a 1/8-page ad and listing in our playbill and lobby display for each show you support.

**IRON | \$49 AND UNDER** • A listing in our playbill and lobby display.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 518-956-2833.

(Please return this portion with your contribution.)

### HERE'S HOW TO JOIN OUR SUPPORTERS

Name(s) of donor/organization as it is to be listed in program (please print):

Contact name

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

#### LEVEL OF SUPPORT:

Platinum Donor     Gold Donor     Silver Donor     Bronze Donor     Copper Donor     Iron Donor

#### WHICH SHOW(S) ARE YOU SUPPORTING?

Hairspray     Blaq Boi     Both shows

#### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- Camera-ready ad enclosed     Ad to be designed by AHS Theatre Ensemble (I'm enclosing details)  
 Use my ad from last year     Ad emailed directly to designer at abernat@twcny.rr.com  
 No ad please     Ad will change for Blaq Boi and I will send it later

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** (Please make checks payable to AHS Theatre Ensemble): \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL CHECKS TO THE ABRUOKIN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CENTER, 99 KENT STREET, ALBANY NY 12206.**



*Join Us!*

# Join Our Community Partners in Supporting Arts-In-Education

It is imperative that our students know that their voices matter, that they can change the world. In our programs they are given the space, tools and platform to do just that.

It is in this spirit that we work in conjunction and collaboration with organizations who share this common goal. We proudly acknowledge our community partners. Please consider joining them in our important work.



## CAPITAL REPERTORY THEATRE COMPANY

"At theREP, we treasure our fifteen-year relationship with Albany High School's Theatre Ensemble, which is built upon a common mission to encourage respect, tolerance and courage through the art of theatre. Our partnership connects students with professional artists to increase career skills and support meaningful explorations of issues through theatre. With Ward and the great young people who make up the Ensemble, we have learned that theatre still has the power to change the community and the world. We can't wait to see what incredible work we will create together next!"

Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill, Producing Artistic Director;  
Christine Sheehan, Director of School of the Performing Arts;  
Katherine Stephens, School Programs Director



## YOUTH FX

"Youth FX and the Albany High School Theatre Ensemble have been collaborating since 2012. We have created short films and experimental video for multimedia stage productions, captured behind

the scenes footage of the cast and crew, and developed a dynamic community of youth artists through our partnership."

Bhawin Suchak, Founder, Director



## THE NATIONAL COALITION BUILDING INSTITUTE

"The AHS Theatre Ensemble program combined with NCBI principles and practices created a powerful alchemy

for healing and change. The students' voices sang out like trumpets, they turned their swords into plowshares acting in each other's stories, the students learned to understand each other's pain and journey. Each day in rehearsal they lived being allies for each other. As audience, we became witnesses and participants in their effort to build bridges. Their lives were changed and so were ours."

Ira Baumgarten, NCBI National School Coordinator



## ARTS, LETTERS & NUMBERS

"The collaboration with AHS Theatre Ensemble has truly been an eye-opening experience in what it means to work with young emerging artists, seeing how different modes of expression inspire them to speak up

and to find their own paths. It's simply astonishing how Ward Dales, Noelle Gentile and Gregory Marsh are creating spaces of trust and building community where everyone is learning from each other. We at Arts Letters & Numbers are thrilled and honored to be part of such an important and inspiring program!"

Frida Foberg, Associate Director

## OUR MISSION

We strive to foster unity across culture, social class and identity groups in our richly diverse student body.

Students form a family of inclusiveness, which enables them to make lasting bonds with peers who are different from them. This fosters a sense of joy in celebrating diversity.

We shed light on social and political issues that are relevant to our members, their families, and our community at large.

Finally, we provide a forum for student voices through our Promising Playwrights program. Featuring the original works of AHS's Performance

Studies and IB classes, this aspect of our program gives budding student playwrights an opportunity to experience their work performed with structured feedback from the audience. It also provides a unique opportunity for the adults to gain insight into the emotional and practical aspects of our students' lives.