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Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

Principal's Message

As many of you know, 33 of our students have been invited by the American High School Theatre Festival to participate in the 2009 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. This is truly an honor for our entire school community and promises to provide our students a transformative life experience. For those of you who saw our entry into the festival in November, *Runaways*, by Elizabeth Swados, you witnessed the talents our students will showcase to an international audience this summer. We are indeed extremely proud of our students.

While this will clearly be an amazing educational and artistic experience for all involved, it does require a significant investment in time, energy, and cost. From the outset, it was made clear that neither LACHSA nor the Arts High foundation were in a position to underwrite any expense of this trip. However, the Arts High Foundation has provided some incidental support for some of the trip's fundraising efforts.

I want to extend my appreciation to all of the participating parents on the volunteer Edinburgh Fundraising Committee, led by Ann Ward, for their tireless efforts in working to raise supplemental funds to make this trip a reality. Since the start of this school year, each family assumed responsibility for the total cost of their child's trip. The parents have been actively engaged in general and individual fundraising activities; I am inspired by the passion, dedication, and energy of these families to meet this difficult, yet worthy goal.

One of those activities was to be a Casino Night fundraiser on February 21. Due to a lack of response and poor ticket sales the Edinburgh Fundraising Committee unanimously decided to cancel the event.

However, a benefit show: an ***Encore Dress Rehearsal Performance of Runaways***, with suggested donations of \$10 & \$20, will take place this Sunday, February 15 at 7:00 PM at the Barnsdall Gallery Theatre, 4800 Hollywood Blvd. Please come out and support the efforts of these talented students!

Upcoming Events

Encore Performance: 2/15

Runaways

Barnsdall Theatre, Hollywood

7:00 p.m.

Chamber Music Concert 2/15

Calvary Presbyterian Church,

South Pasadena

5:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL 2/16

President's Day Holiday

Important Announcements

Please check www.artshigh.org (News and Updates tab) for important information!

Special Opportunity

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