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NHS Theatre Receives Top Honors at State Competition

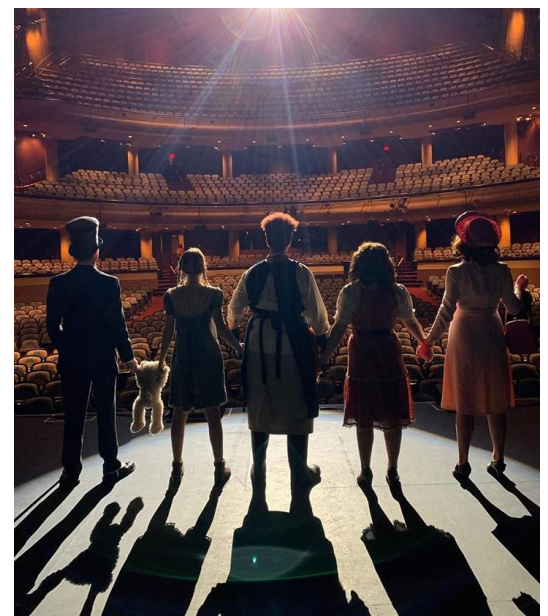


HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Northside High School theatre department received top honors at the 2020 Georgia Thespian Conference held in Columbus, Ga. in February. They earned perfect scores from three professional theatre judges for their performance of “Wait for Me (Reprise)” from *Hadestown*. As a result, judges selected the group as featured performers in the Linda P. Wise Individual Events Showcase (IE) from among 500 other entries.

The IE Showcase presents a selection from each track of outstanding performance and technical IEs before the entire conference delegation during the closing ceremonies of the conference. These outstanding individual events are chosen by the adjudicator’s from each of the categories highest scoring IEs. The showcase is cast with representatives of the highest quality performances.

The cast and crew also reprised their fall 2019 one-act production of *Urinetown* for performances on the Mainstage of the conference; an honor bestowed on the best of the best. *Urinetown* was adjudicated in October for the opportunity to perform on the Mainstage at the conference and was selected as an honoree.

Congratulations to these students who participated in the IE competition - Miranda Arnold, Bryan Avila, Malik Bryant, Walker Durham, Abigail Emery, Chase Fletcher, Owen Givens, Bryanna Goff, Breanna Green, Genesis Harris, Hannah Peterson, Lexandria Richardson, Javion Waters, and Hannah Woods. Their theatre directors are Brian Barnett and Kerri Halbert.



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Barnett said, "The cast and crew gave two amazing performances of *Unrinetown*. Their group individual events showcase was just incredible. They represented Houston County Schools so well and they brought down the house with their incredible energy and talent. I couldn't be more proud!"

About the Play

In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage caused by a 20-year drought has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. Citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides that he has had enough and plans a revolution to lead them to freedom in this adaptation of the award-winning Broadway musical, *Unrinetown*.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins. Dr. Jody Dean serves as principal. For more information, Barnett may be reached at Brian.Barnett@hcbe.net.

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