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### **Perry High Wins Best Play at Georgia Theatre Conference Performed locally Nov. 14 and 16**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Perry High School performing arts students competed at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Theatre Conference (GTC). For their performance of *The Trench*, Perry's group of 13 students won: Best Play, Best Ensemble and Best Set. Students Levi Shelton and Joshua Bishop received All Star Cast honors. The 2019 convention took place at Georgia Southwestern University Oct. 16-19.

Pictured with their Best Play trophy are the cast and crew: (back row, from left) Alex Willis, J.R. Dennard, Logan Jacobs, Jacob Sendek, Colson Jones, Shelton, Jackson Riddle; (front row, from left) Garrett Shelton, Anna Walters, Bishop, Evan Palmer, Seth Lee and William Riddle.

Their theatre directors are Joe Sendek and Russell Bugg.

*The Trench*, a new play by Oliver Lansley, is inspired by the true story of a miner who became entombed in a tunnel during World War I. As the horror threatens to engulf him, he discovers another world beneath the mud and death. Setting off on an epic journey of salvation, the boundaries between reality and fantasy blur as he questions what's real, what's not and whether it even matters.

"This production is uniquely theatrical with a blend of storytelling and puppetry," said Sendek. "It is truly a wonderful heartfelt exploration into both history and fantasy."



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The cast and crew will perform *The Trench* for local audiences at the Perry High auditorium on Nov. 14 and 16 at 8:00 p.m. The \$5.00 tickets go on sale Oct. 25. All seating is reserved.

In the spring of 2020, these students will travel to Louisville, Kentucky to represent the state of Georgia at the southeastern competition. They will perform *The Trench* at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC). This year, the convention will be February 26 - March 1, 2020.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry; Wesley "Del" Martin serves as principal. For more information regarding the drama program, please contact Sendek at [Joseph.Sendek@hcbe.net](mailto:Joseph.Sendek@hcbe.net).



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