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Warner Robins High Wins One Act State Championship



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - Warner Robins High School was named the One Act State Champion at the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) State Theatre AAAAAA Competition on Feb. 13 for its performance of Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, the Musical. In addition to winning first place, individual students won the following awards: Best Actress ~ Drew James; and All-Star Cast ~ Christian Carter, Ashton Harden and Mandie Smythe. This is the school's first one act state championship.

Nicholas Sostillio and Shelby English are the Warner Robins High theatre directors. The adult production team includes Trey English, Cherri Engen, Richard Frazier and Jessica Teemer.

"What an exciting year in Demon Country," exclaimed Sostillio. "We are honored to be named the State Champion for the first time in school history. This group of students pushed through quarantines and adapted schedules to come out on top. We are very proud of our students' work and accomplishments!"

Rebellion is nigh in Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

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Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however - the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace.

Warner Robins High offers five opportunities to see its award-winning musical in the Performing Arts Center as follows:

- Feb. 18, 19 and 22 at 7:00 p.m.; and
- Feb. 21 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door or in advance at wrhstheatre.com beginning Feb. 5. Please note, performance dates and times are subject to change. In addition, social distancing and masks are required.

Warner Robins High is located at 401 South Davis Drive in Warner Robins. Chris McCook serves as principal. For more information about theatre at Warner Robins High, please contact Sostillio at 478-929-7877, ext. 3947, or Nicholas.Sostillio@hcbe.net.

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