

FEELING LIKE A performer



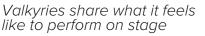
"Performing for me is a form of escapism in which I get to gain new insights and perspectives. For a moment, I'm able to be another person. This allows me to take a break from the stress and other things going on in my life, while getting to use theatre to see different perspectives." **Riley Hurm, senior**



"I have been performing for a long time now, and it has truly brought out my own confidence. I love performing with all of my cast members and just having fun together on stage as a 'found family' because I think we all needed each other more than ever while performing in the showcase." Kennedy Withers, senior



"Being a performer in *All Together Now* helped me to realize the importance of our theatre community here at SHA. No matter what happened, we all had each other's backs and supported each other. This was definitely reflected onstage when we performed together!" Abby Jester, senior





"Theatre allows me to have a space outside of the classroom to express my creativity in a multitude of ways. Not only does it help round out my resume, but my life as well by meeting new people and making life-long friends." Keiko Ohta, junior

Sacred Heart theatre performs "All Together Now!" revue show

In November, Sacred Heart theater took the stage to perform "All Together Now!", a Broadway-review-style musical. This unique performance was a compilation of songs and dances from over a dozen different famous musicals. The show included beloved songs such as "Be Our Guest," "Let It Go," and "Seize The Day."

"I liked doing a revue show because we got an opportunity to do songs from a variety of different shows that we wouldn't have gotten to do otherwise," senior Harper Marie Hawkins said. "My favorite song was "Seize The Day" because it was fun, upbeat, and there was a lot of dancing!"

The "All Together Now!" performance was created by Music Theatre International, the world's largest theatrical licensing agency. The agency asked over 2,000 theaters across the world to put on "All Together Now!" during the same weekend in November. Performances took place in all 50 states and in over 31 countries. Most performances were free-of-charge, welcoming audiences back to in-person theater after many months off due to Covid.

Overall, SHA students felt excited to be able to perform despite Covid restrictions. Over the past 20 months of the pandemic, many theaters performed productions over Zoom while other theaters remained closed altogether to ensure the safety of their performers. During the Sacred Heart production, the actors performed in masks, but even the masks could not lessen the joy felt onstage.

"Performing makes me feel something that no other activity can do," senior Maddee Brown said. "Losing theater for over a year made me realize the importance it holds in my life. Without theater, I wouldn't have a place to escape or express my feelings."

Not only did "All Together Now!" bring back performing, but it also allowed students to experience many different musicals and characters within one ensemble show.

"What I enjoyed most about participating in our production was the opportunity to perform multiple characters," senior Molly VonderHaar said. "I also loved how we exhibited so many talented people through this type of show."

Yet perhaps more importantly, SHA students also cherished the friendships that were forged offstage during the rehearsal process.

"I met so many amazing people during the course of the show," freshman Annie Pilbean said. "I'll cherish those friendships forever!"





Stop The World

Singing a duet with junior KJ Dickison, junior Lizzie Sorrell shares how it was performing with another actress. "KJ is a close friend of mine, so working with her is always fun," Sorrell said. "We played off of each other naturally and created our own narrative for the duet. Our song was an earworm and was sang backstage quite a bit!"

A New World Ahead

Performing with her senior classmates, Anna Warren takes the stage singing "A New World" while reflecting on her time doing SHA theatre. "Something I've learned is that the stage is a home and everyone involved is family," Warren said. "Time moves quick, so don't take your years for granted, and do every show, even if it sounds boring."