



THE FACULTY CORNER

FROM THE ANACAPA SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT. . .

Anacapa School is big on Performing Arts, with over 40% of our students involved in music and/or drama. Studies have shown the importance of the arts in a student's overall education, so we are especially proud of our commitment to both the visual and the performing arts at Anacapa. We consider the arts an essential part of a well-rounded curriculum—not a frill.

Anacapa's Performing Arts class presents two productions a year. Our January production is a "revue style" concert, and our May production is a full-length play. In addition to preparing for these productions, students learn theater and musical terminology, take part in costume and stage design, and research the production topic to gain a better understanding of the play. Here's what's in store for Anacapa theatergoers this year:

JANUARY 2012: *THE TOTALLY AWESOME 80'S PROM*

This January, the Performing Arts class and the Ensemble Music class will join together again to present *The Totally Awesome 80's Prom* at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo on Friday and Saturday evening, January 6 and 7.

Performing Arts teacher Salli Eve reports: "Students have taken full ownership of this production: selecting the songs and musical interpretations of the songs, deciding on their own costumes, and honing their directorial skills, with each student taking on the role of 'Director' for a song. As Director, they were responsible for making suggestions for the blocking, lighting, and overall performance of their song. The students have certainly enjoyed this expanded role, and they have made great suggestions to improve our performance."

Hugo Macario, who teaches the Ensemble Music class, adds: "We are excited to work with the Performing Arts Class for the second year, putting together another great show for the public. We started by selecting the songs. It was fun to see that the students were enthusiastic and really connected with the tunes as if they had lived in that era. With the combined sounds of the drums, keyboards, bass, sax, guitars, and vocals, we have a feeling some of you will be inspired to get up and sing along to the hits from the 80's. The talented young musicians and singers of The Adobes (the official name of the Anacapa band) give their best and they sound great! Come to our performance and you'll have a '**Celebration**' of '**Every Breath You Take**.' We know you'll have the '**Time of My (Your) Life**!' See you at the theater."

MAY 2012: *CARNIVAL*

Our spring production will be a modern interpretation of a 1960's play, *Carnival*. Not only will the students sing, dance, and act in this production—they will also have the opportunity to show off their circus skills (juggling, magic, etc). *Carnival* has a large ensemble, which will give every interested student the opportunity to perform. (This is one of the big pluses of Anacapa's program—every student who wants to participate may do so!) Students will audition for the main roles and for the opportunity to show off their circus skills. It will be so much fun to see what "special skills" our students have!

~ SALLI EVE AND HUGO MACARIO