



THE FACULTY CORNER

FROM THE ANACAPA SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT. . .

We are so lucky at Anacapa that the visual and performing arts are an integral part of our program—not a frill or an “extra.” This month, we highlight Anacapa’s performing arts program. Students who already have a passion for performing and those who just want to try it out are welcome and encouraged to share their talent and hone their craft in the Performing Arts and Ensemble Music elective classes. Starting in January and culminating in May, we’ll showcase our students in a series of performances that are sure to please.

JANUARY 2015

Sock-Hop: A Tribute to Early Rock and Roll

This January, the Performing Arts class and the Ensemble Music class will join together again to present a concert celebrating the origins of Rock and Roll music. The performance will take place at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo on Friday and Saturday evenings, January 9th and 10th. Surprisingly, the students in Performing Arts did not know many songs from this era, so our first task was to introduce them to the 1950’s. We discussed the teenagers of this era, what they wore and the music they enjoyed. The students then selected the songs that they liked and, together with the Ensemble Music class, we have been hard at work getting ready for our performance, learning harmonies and putting our own new twist on old songs. We hope you’ll join us for a lively performance to kick off the new year! It’s always fun for our talented students to take the stage after all the preparation, so let’s pack the house for them!

MAY 2015

Once on This Island

This year’s spring production presented by the Performing Arts class will be *Once on This Island*. This captivating legend tells the story of forbidden love between two people from different worlds. Ti Moune, a peasant girl, rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of the island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred, and even death. This award-winning musical is set on an island in the French Antilles, where social prejudices run deep and Caribbean music plays hot. Written by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Ragtime*, *Seussical*), this play was nominated for eight Tony Awards, and it won the Olivier Award for Best New Musical in 1995. Next semester the students in Performing Arts will be hard at work memorizing lines, learning script scoring techniques, blocking their scenes, and designing costumes and sets. We hope you’ll mark your family calendars so you can join us at Center Stage Theater for this fabulous play on Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th.

MAY 2015

Ensemble Music Concert

The annual Music Concert and Student Art Show will be held on campus at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 20th. Students in the second semester Ensemble Music class will perform songs of different genres, including Rock, Pop, Latin, and Jazz. We will also continue our class tradition of incorporating music from other countries. Students will learn and appreciate the diverse music spectrum and see beyond the mainstream music media. “The Adobes,” Anacapa’s band, is sure to deliver another incredible performance; we hope to see you in the audience that evening!

~ SALLI EVE AND HUGO MACARIO