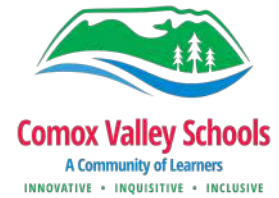


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Something Rotten! A Comox Valley Schools Musical Production runs from March 5-9

COMOX, VALLEY B.C. – Comox Valley Schools proudly presents the entertaining musical production of "Something Rotten," set to run from March 5 to 9, 2024 at Highland Secondary. This comedic musical promises an uplifting night of "culture and art" for audiences aged 13 and up.

Directed and produced by Lisa Williams, with musical direction by Carly Swain, this ambitious production showcases the multiple talents of SD 71 students. These students have devoted countless hours bringing this Broadway hit to life.

Something Rotten! is a musical comedy that celebrates the world of theatre, taking a hilarious look at the creative process and the challenges faced by playwrights in the Renaissance era. With clever lyrics and toe-tapping tunes, the show promises to keep audiences entertained from the opening number to the final bow.

"We are excited to present Something Rotten! as our annual school district musical," said Williams. "The students have been dancing, singing and rehearsing for months, and we can't wait to share this silliness with our community."

From the lead roles to the supporting characters, the students have embraced the challenge of portraying the fast, funny, eccentric, and loveable personalities that populate the world of "Something Rotten!".

Grade 12 student Ava Bayers, who is playing the role of Shakespeare, quotes one of her songs saying that putting on a musical is "Hard, so very, very hard.", but adds that "This experience has been so beautiful. There are so many different types of people doing this show, and it takes each one of us to put it together. This musical has so much heart, soul, talent, and passion."

The artistic and production team is working tirelessly to recreate the vibrant atmosphere of a Renaissance-era theatre, complete with elaborate colorful costumes by Jane Burch, a student designed and painted set, and so much entertaining and playful choreography by Tamara Ryan.

Grayson Collins who plays the role of Nigel Bottom shares, "I've loved being able to have fun with this amazing group of people, I am super excited for audiences to join us in this silly and amazing story in a show."

Performances of "Something Rotten" will take place at Highland Secondary from March 5 to 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available on the School District Website at <https://events.sd71.bc.ca/musical/>. If available, tickets can also be obtained at the door. Do not

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miss this unique opportunity to support the arts in our schools and witness the extraordinary talents of Comox Valley students.

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About the District Musical: The district musical is a collaborative program shared between all three high schools. This program is open to secondary students and aims to foster creativity, craft, commitment through authentic performing arts education in its students. The annual high school musical is a testament to Comox Valley School's dedication to providing a well-rounded education that includes a vibrant and thriving arts program.

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