

# **Amherst Theatre's March Newsletter**



**HAPPY  
BELATED  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY**

**Sister Act at ACHS**

**March 30th, 31st and April 1st**

Tickets and information at [www.emmertstheatre.com](http://www.emmertstheatre.com)



# Amherst Theatre is full steam ahead!

The musical is such a wonderful time for collaboration and we are blessed to work in a school that has such great skills in the art of creating beauty together. Melanie Coleman has consistently been a FORCE of greatness in the vocals and conducting department. She also has a GREAT laugh that I love hearing! Kelsie Saunders has once again created an environment of safety and fun backstage and she does it all with a smile. Roy Prior not only helps create the set and the single iconic image of our show but he plays in the pit and usually plays a few pranks just to keep it interesting.



Mark Campbell is our band director that organizes and teaches the musicians to not only play the music but to enhance the performance in any way possible doing funny sound effects and always having the most interesting snacks. We are blessed here at Amherst County for not only the adults that participate in this journey but for the students that have done an incredible job.

*I truly mean it when I say that you ABSOLUTELY do not want to miss this great show!! I would like to note that there is the use of mature language (Hell and Damn) and there is violence (the gangsters) we are suggesting 8 and older however the ultimate call is of course up to the parent and guardian.*

Sister Act was the show that was cancelled three weeks from opening due to COVID and so we have freshman that were in the cast that get to perform it as seniors!!

And a month after Sister Act, we will produce a show called "Double Double" it is an independent study play that is directed and performed by Michael Tock and Symone Sexton: April 27th and April 28th!

Rights after that is the ONE ACTS May 4-6 and then our final IMPROV NITE May 18th and then.....the AMMYS (our Amherst Theatre Awards Night)! May 20th!! Save all the dates and we promise to make you smile!

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# Amherst Theatre LOVES mixing reading with performing!!

In honor of  
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Amherst  
Theatre  
jumped in with  
two feet to  
share their 2  
loves: reading  
and theatre!!



Amherst Theatre loves community outreach and they did so on March 17th by visiting local Elementary Schools to share their joy of reading.



WE HAD A BLAST!!! We performed, "The NINJABREAD MAN" and "Giraffes Can't Dance" and were met with some wonderful beautiful moments!!!

The Elementary students were so polite and well behaved and entranced as the Amherst Theatre students presented their shows!!



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# One of the Incredible things about Amherst Theatre is the STUDENTS

(some SENIOR highlights)



Grace Huber

Hello, my name is Grace Huber, I am one of the senior representatives for theater. Some of my favorite moments have been during the murder mysteries, The Amherst Inn and Dress Rehearsal for Murder. I love how the black box style theater makes the audience feel more like they are part of the show, and I enjoy being able to see the reactions of the audience up close and personal. Theatre is like my second family, it's such a great community of different types of individuals, that each brings a special small piece that when put all together makes a beautiful masterpiece.

My goals after high school are to attend Sweet Briar College, get a bachelor's degree in Biology, continue on to Veterinary school, and one day become a Veterinarian and own my own practice.

Theater has influenced me in a positive way by allowing me to come out of my shell. The theater is an environment where I can express myself with no judgement. This is both on and off the stage. One of my favorite moments on stage was playing Young Nala in "The Lion King Jr." I strengthened many of my relationships and was a positive light in the darkness of the COVID years. Theater has created an environment that brought me most of my closest friendships. These are skills and relationships I will carry with me when I leave Amherst Theater and I'm forever grateful for them.

In the future I plan on attending the University of Virginia and majoring in biochemistry. They have an open audition for their plays on campus and I will be taking advantage of that. After college I intend to pursue a career in the medical field, likely in some sort of physical or occupational therapy. Without the theater community, I likely wouldn't have had the courage to pursue a career so heavily involved building relationships.



Bailey Carver



Destiny Middleton

I am a senior. I play softball, My position is catcher and outfield. I plan to go to CVCC and do general studies then go to Centra and go for nursing. Theater is like my happy place. In theater I like becoming different characters and being able to dress up. The people in the theater become your family which is really nice. My favorite role that I've had has to be Minnie from Dress Rehearsal For Murder. But one of my top five favorite things that we have done in theatre is go to VTA. It was so nice being with just the theatre and walking in Richmond and getting closer with the group, meeting new people, which I love to do! It's sad to think that I won't ever be in a play again, but it's okay! I'm so thankful that I was able to be a part of Amherst Theatre for 4 years. This is something that I will never forget about.

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# Upcoming Events:

## **SISTER ACT**

**March 30th-April 1st**

**DOUBLE DOUBLE**

**April**

**27th & 28**

**ONE ACTS**

**MAY 4-6**

**IMPROV**

**NITE**

**May 18**

**THE AMMYS**

**MAY 20**

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Kay and Paula

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