

Jordan-Matthews High School Theater

An Evening of JM Theater: Two Short Plays

Thursday, November 9, 2023 ▪ 6:30 p.m.
JM Auditorium



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*A Reprise of Two One-Act Plays Originally Produced
for the 2023 North Carolina Theatre Conference
High School Plays Festival Competition*

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THE FEMALE GAZE

Produced by JM Theatre Arts 2 Class
Play by Terry Wayne Gabbard
Directed by Mikala Richardson

Clio..... Siniyah Utley
Medusa..... Chloe Dickerson
Merope..... Jacqueline Basilio
Teen Girl/Old Man/Athena..... Ariana Harris

OUR PLACE

Produced by JM Ensemble Selected in Open Auditions
Play by Jillian Blevins
Directed by Mikala Richardson

Jake..... Christian Ayala
Holly..... Karsyn Vann, performed in competition by Xochitl Morales Gonzalez
Anne..... Natalie Morales Zagada
Lyle..... Emmanuel Hernandez Castaneda

Beth..... Karsyn Vann
Jonathan..... Jose Corona Vicente

Al..... David Ta'Bon
Brenda..... Sandra Lopez
Nicky..... Samantha Wieber
Sherry..... Serena Pietri

Corey..... Isabella Palacios
Liberty..... Sarah Dekaney

Stanley..... Clara Rojas, performed in competition by Andrey Ureña-Seceña
Sidney..... Eleanor Reece

Ensemble..... Elizabeth Vasquez Perez, Kayla Kendrick
Harmony Banks, Jobanny Benitez Espinoza

CONGRATULATIONS TO JM THEATRE

Last weekend, Jordan-Matthews students performed these plays for the Regional One Act Play Festival, sponsored by the North Carolina Theatre Conference. They joined nine other schools in a two-day showcase of excellence in school theatre production.

Our troupe received three awards in their first showing! “The Female Gaze” won for Excellence in Set Design, and senior Karsyn Vann and junior David Ta’Bon both won Excellence in Acting awards for their performances in “Our Place.”

This experience was important for our young theatre program in several ways. It gave students the opportunity for feedback from theatre professionals during the

adjudication process. It let them see other high school productions, expanding their idea of what’s possible for them to achieve. And it gave them the chance to bond as a group over the two (long!) days of the festival.

Thanks to Mr. Moody and the carpentry students and Mrs. Newman in the art department for their help with the set. And we appreciate our chaperones and parent volunteers and supporters as well, especially Joe Reece and his magic trailer! But we also thank JMArts members, whose financial support made the project possible.

*Rose Pate
President, JMArts*



“Our Place” cast at the 2023 NCTC High School Play Festival



“The Female Gaze” cast at the 2023 NCTC High School Play Festival

JMArts

Tonight's two short plays, originally performed at the North Carolina Theatre Conference High School Play Festival competition, are produced by JM Theater with assistance from JMArts, the Jordan-Matthews Arts Foundation, a nonprofit, charitable organization providing what JM artists need to excel. Performance showcases. Educational opportunities. Instruments and supplies. Even new ways of looking at the world.

Major annual projects include the spring musical, arts workshops, Sing and Play student music competition, New York Arts Adventure and JMArts Scholars, a scholarship program allowing outstanding, returning actors, musicians and visual artists to study intensively over the summer at weeklong, residential workshops on university campuses.

PLEASE JOIN US! For as little as \$20 a year — and just \$1 for current JM students — you can become a member of JMArts and receive free admission to some performances throughout this coming year. Contribute now at JMArts.org, by Venmo (@JMHSarts, search “charities”) or by mail to PO Box 395, Siler City, NC, 27344.

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