

Baker High School performing arts departments present

The Addams Family

Scot Violette has scrimped and saved four years' worth of play admissions so he could put on a musical of grand scale.

"The Addams Family" will hit the stage at Baker High School on Oct. 25, 26 and 27. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday.

"One hundred percent full-blown Broadway musical with singing and dancing," Violette said.

Admission is \$12 adults, \$8 students.

This performance is billed as "not so" live musical theater.

"Ninety percent of the cast are dead people," Violette said.

Not literally, of course — this musical features the Addams family along with a full roster of their ancestors who show up on stage as ghosts.

The cast of 48 all completed singing auditions last spring and received scripts. Actors studied lines over the summer and came together in September to begin rehearsals as a full cast.

The musical is a coordinated project between drama, choir, and band. In fact, the performances count as the fall concerts for the choirs of Hannah Violette and bands of Matt Powers.

This is Scot Violette's fifth



The cast of "The Addams Family" numbers 48. Rehearsing here, from left, is Bekka Schmit, Savannah Brown, Melissa Titus, and Emily VanGaasbeck.

year as drama coach. For the past four school years he chose shows that didn't require sets and used plays written by a friend who didn't charge royalties.

"For four years I've been squirreling away money we've made," he said.

This musical, he said, celebrates the performing arts students who have been part of the programs since the beginning.

"They're seniors now," he said. "I wanted them to do a big show as a last hurrah."

Royalties to perform "The Addams Family" cost \$2,300. The set, once constructed as a two-story house with grand staircases and rotating scenes, will total about \$1,000.

"We're doing a lot of special effects," Violette said.

To prepare for the musical numbers, Allison Mitchell

worked on vocals with the actors. Elisabeth Munsell handled costume designs.

The main cast includes Jordan Remien, Marie Taylor, Emily VanGaasbeck, Savannah Brown, Joy Murphy, Bekka Schmit, Grady Lay, John Hurley, Melissa Titus, and Auston Lemmon.

Upcoming shows

After "The Addams Family," the performing arts

departments will begin working on "A Christmas Carol," which will be part of the Vespers concerts in December.

Next spring will bring a performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on April 17-19.

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