

Creepy, kooky musical opens Friday

■ Baker High School drama department presents 'The Addams Family' musical Oct. 25-27

By Lisa Britton

BAKER CITY — Scot Violette has been preparing for this performance for four years — a musical of a grand scale on the Baker High School stage.

"The Addams Family" shows are Oct. 25, 26 and 27. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday — all in the BHS auditorium, 2500 E St.

Violette said it's a "full-blown Broadway musical with singing and dancing."

Admission at the door will be \$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 (alive) Addams family along with a full roster of their ancestors who climb out of the crypt and take the stage as ghosts dressed in the attire from



Photo by Lisa Britton

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their eras.

The plot follows Wednesday, the Addams' daughter, who has fallen in love with a normal boy. Both families come together for dinner, and chaos ensues.

The cast auditioned 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 and counts as the fall concerts for those programs.

It also features an orchestra with Hannah Violette, Paul McNeil, Joy Murphy, Russell Anderson, Anthony Cowan, Carlos Grove and Sarah Plummer.

This is Scot Violette's fifth year as drama coach. This musical, he said, celebrates the performing arts students who have been part of the programs since the beginning of his tenure.

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

To prepare for the musical numbers, Allison Mitchell worked on vocals with the actors.

Elisabeth Munsell is assistant

director, Hannah Violette directs music, and choreography was handled by Kathy Sanchez and Renee Mercer.

The main performance cast includes Jordan Remien, Marie Taylor, Coray Murphy, Bekka Schmitt, Emily VanGaasbeck, Savannah Brown, Grady Lay, John Hurley, Melissa Titus, Jaylynn Madison and Hailey Bowling.

UPCOMING SHOWS

After "The Addams Family," the BHS performing arts departments will begin working on "A Christmas Carol," which will be part of the Vespers concerts on Dec. 8. Next spring will bring a performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" April 17-19.

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