

Chilling in Nebraska

SOUTH EUGENE DRAMA STUDENTS WILL PERFORM NEW MUSICAL AT INTERNATIONAL THEATER FEST

By Bob Keefer

South Eugene High School's drama department is taking its show on the road this summer — all the way to Lincoln, Nebraska.

About 40 cast and crew members from SEHS will perform the new Broadway musical *Be More Chill* at the end of June at the 56th annual International Thespian Festival in Lincoln.

The play, featuring music and lyrics by Joe Iconis and book by Joe Tracz, opened at New York's Lyceum Theatre earlier this year after an off-Broadway run.

Students at South performed the play here in November; it was one of just two high schools on the West Coast to get rights to do the musical.

The play tells a sci-fi tale about teen angst and social pressure and is adapted from a 2004 novel of the same name by Ned Vizzini.

In the story, Jeremy, a friendless high school loser pushed around by bullies, acquires and takes a pill — it's actually tiny computer called SQUIP, for Super Quantum Unit Intel Processor — in hopes of becoming cool enough to win the heart of young Christine.



The International Thespian Festival runs June 24 through 29. It brings together some 4,000 high school students and teachers for a week of workshops and performances, with the additional benefit of exposure to college and theater professionals.

South will be one of 11 schools in the nation invited to perform at the festival's main stage theater this year; the shows were selected by adjudicators who traveled around the U.S. and Canada and viewed student productions in the past year.

South Eugene Theater director Pat Avery says *Be More Chill* is the first play by Oregon students to be selected by the festival since 2011 and the first to be featured on the main stage since 2004. ■

To help raise money for students to attend the festival, South will stage three benefit performances of the play Saturday, June 15, and Sunday, June 16. The show will be at South Eugene High School theater and will run at 2 pm and 7 pm June 15 and at 2 pm June 16. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and seniors, at SouthEugeneTheater.org.



White Bird Clinic Celebrates Fifty Years with Major Expansion

In 1969, a group of student activists and concerned practitioners founded White Bird Clinic to provide crisis services and free medical care to counter-culture youth in Eugene. Having grown continuously for fifty years, White Bird now has ten programs, 200 staff members, and more than 400 volunteers.

To celebrate our fiftieth, we're growing our programs, demonstrating our commitment to serving low income, under-resourced community members. In response to burgeoning community need, White Bird is expanding medical, dental, crisis, and CAHOOTS services.

White Bird has a fifty year track record of identifying, assessing, and responding to community need by leveraging our existing resources. We respond rapidly and effectively by building on existing, successful programs. Our expansion consists of:

1. Opening a new medical walk-in clinic for individuals who are low-income and/or homeless and uninsured. The clinic, below the existing primary care clinic, will provide an alternative for patients experiencing an acute issue who lack health insurance, diverting a great number of emergency room visits.
2. Enlarging the dental program to increase its capacity to serve patients by nearly 75%. White Bird is renovating the building at 1415 Pearl St. into a clinic that will also provide denture care for elderly patients and serve more children and families.
3. Increasing access to crisis services by moving the crisis program to 990 W 7th Ave., adjacent to the Whitaker neighborhood. The new crisis center will house the 24/7 crisis line phone service as well as walk-in services in a trauma-informed space intended to minimize environmental triggers that may be re-traumatizing.
4. Expanding the hours and geographic coverage of CAHOOTS mobile crisis services, which responded to over 21,000 calls in 2018, saving an estimated \$6M in emergency medical services costs alone.

In order to serve more folks in need, White Bird is taking a risk by growing many different programs at once, and we're turning to the community for support and partnership. Please call 541.342.8255 or visit www.whitebirdclinic.org to donate to the project of your choice.

Enjoy a night out and help local kids!



14
JUNE
2019

Healthy Moves presents:

Special Edition Grassroots to the Blues

296 E 5th Ave #300, Eugene, OR 97401

Join us JUNE 14th for our 3rd annual Special Edition Grassroots to the Blues! Hosted by the 5th Street Public Market and with generous contributions from the Public Market Eateries including Cafe Glendi, Northwest Burgers, Market Ramen, Moi Poki, and Thai Spice. Healthy Moves invites you to CELEBRATE, GROOVE, and DANCE to the swingin' & rockin' music of Henry Cooper and the Town and Country Band! Henry Cooper on Vocals & Guitar, John Barley on Guitar, Nathan Waddell on Bass, and Pete "The Beat" Burgher on drums! Healthy Moves provides trainers for classroom teachers that facilitate movement, exercise, and healthy habits for kids. Starts at 6:00pm.

RAFFLE, FREE music, ALL AGES welcome!



www.hm4kids.org

