

BMHS Music Department Presents *Oliver!*



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Students from Blairsville Middle High school performed *Oliver!* the Musical on April 7, 8, and 9. *Oliver* takes place in London, England following orphan Oliver Twist, played by sixth grader Adrian Escalona.



This was Escalona's first musical. "It was overwhelming at first, but over time I became more comfortable," says Escalona.

The story follows Oliver as he gets into many rough situations after being kicked out of the workhouse meeting many characters along the way including The Artful Dodger played by Vinicius Oliveira, Fagin played by Zechariah Faulkner, Nancy played by Abbi Stipcak, and Bill Sykes played by Zach Hess. The musical was directed by music teacher C.J. Lyons. "I

Think About It...

"The past has no power over the present moment."

– Eckhart Tolle

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

– Walter Cronkite



"Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil."

– C.S. Lewis

picked this musical because of the amount of middle school students who I knew were interested in the show and I knew it was something we could be successful at."

The 36 cast members and Lyons were not the only ones involved in the production. There were 6 people on stage crew, one student running the lights, one student running the follow spot. District technology aide Mr. Batsa worked the sound board, three to four costume assistants, and technology teacher Michael Funyak's shop class created the set. The pit band was comprised of students from Blairsville High School and multiple members of the community.

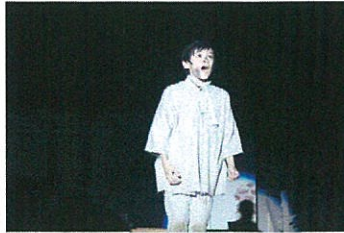


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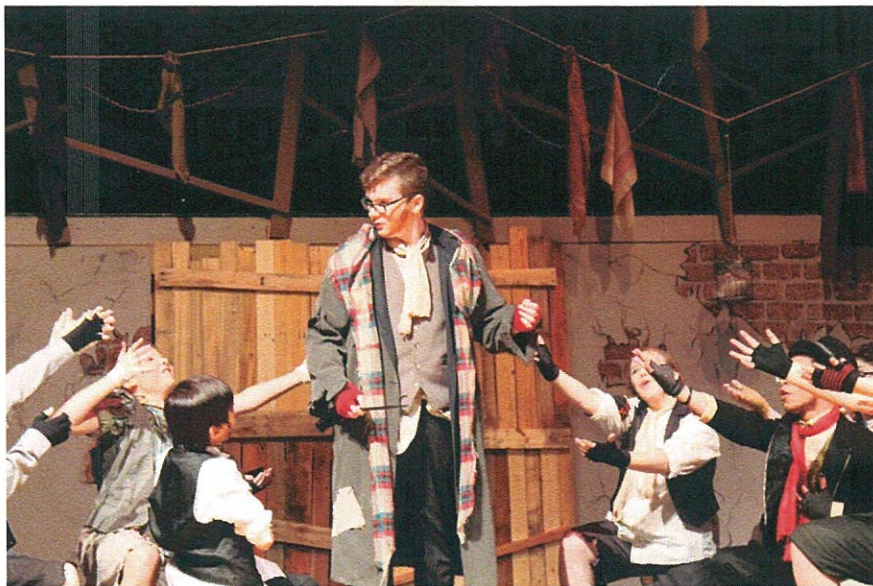


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Upcoming Events

April 6	American Red Cross Blood Drive
April 7-9	BMHS Musical "Oliver"
April 11-13	FBLA students competing at the FBLA State Leadership Competition in Hershey, PA
April 12-27	PSSA Administration Window
April 20	NHS Induction Ceremony

