

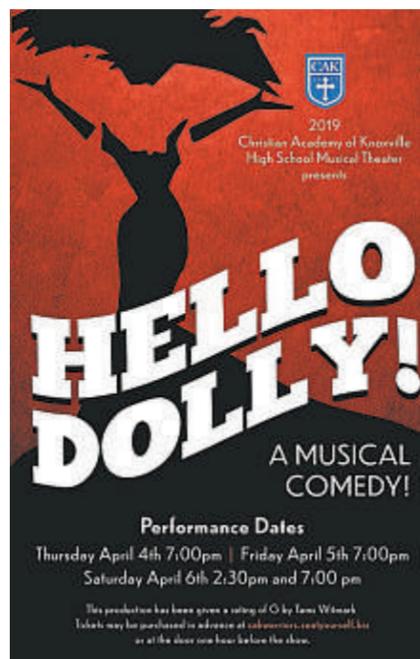
'Hello, Dolly!' at CAK



"The kids are having a blast! They particularly enjoy the waiters' dance in the Harmonia Gardens scene and the song 'Put on Your Sunday Clothes.' Many of the full cast numbers have elaborate singing and dancing in them, and the students are rising to the occasion. These

Under the direction of Amy Brock, CAK's High School Musical Theatre is an auditioned group of 9th-12th grade students. The class gives high school students the opportunity to be a part of a full-scale theatrical production and learn about the different styles of musical theatre. This April, they'll be raising the roof and filling hearts with joy when they present the boisterous, charming "Hello, Dolly!" based on Thornton Wilder's play, "The Matchmaker," with book by Michael Stewart and music by Jerry Herman. Matchmaker Dolly Levi is a widow and a professional meddler. She's highly skilled at – and highly paid for – managing other people's lives, particularly when it comes to love and marriage. But everything changes when she decides that the next match she needs to make is for herself. Brock, now in her sixth year at CAK and fifth year at the high school, says, "I chose 'Hello, Dolly!' because there are so many captivating aspects to this show. The music, the story, the dancing. All of it!

kids are full of drive and energy in everything they do because they are passionate about making this show fantastic." Sophomore Brooke Bowles plays Dolly Levi. "The Musical Theatre Program at CAK is constantly growing because of the students' and families' support," she says. "It's absolutely shocking to see the growth of the cast individually and as a whole in only three months. Learning to play 'Dolly' has been an amazing experience following a lot of hard work!" Set in New York City at the turn of the last century, the musical features beloved songs including "Before the Parade Passes By," "It Only Takes a Moment" and, of course, the title tune. The CAK High School Musical Theatre Production of "Hello, Dolly!" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5; and at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 6. Visit cakwarriors.com/arts/hs_musical_theatre.cfm to view seating charts and purchase tickets, or call (865) 690-4721.



CAK's "Hello, Dolly!" cast especially enjoys rehearsing the many dance numbers. Photos courtesy Christian Academy of Knoxville

CAK visual artists chosen, honored at KMA

Three of CAK's art students had their work shown in the prestigious 13th Annual East Tennessee Regional Student Arts Exhibition at the Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA).

This collaborative project with the East Tennessee Art Education Association is juried and organized by the KMA and designed to gather the best student work grades 6-12 from a 32-county region; award winners are eligible for \$1 million in scholarships to national art schools.

The artwork of Kimmie Garvey, Isabel Evans and Ashleigh Williams was chosen after high school students from 32 East Tennessee counties submitted 950 pieces of art. Out of those, 324 were chosen for the exhibition. In addition to having their artwork chosen, Garvey and Williams were given Honorable Mentions. The exhibition ran from November 2018 until this past January.

Margaret Moran, who has been teaching art and photography in various capacities at CAK for 24 years, now teaches AP Art, Honors Art and General Art. She took her AP students to the KMA to see their colleagues' pieces, as well as the work of other young artists from East

Tennessee. They each chose their favorite, their least favorite, and something they would like to try in their own art. "It was a way to look, critique, and see what other students are doing. I think it was a great learning experience for them."

Moran says, "I am so proud of Ashleigh, Kimmie, and Isabel. The KMA judges are very particular when choosing art for the show. These girls have worked so hard this year, and the quality of their work shows it! They are not only talented, but they also are a joy to teach."



These talented CAK students' artworks were juried into a show at the Knoxville Museum of Art. From left are Kimmie Garvey, with an illustration done completely in thread, Isabel Evans with a mixed media project, and Ashleigh Williams with an acrylic painting.

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