

Orange High performers present 'Joseph' on stage in April

The students of Orange High School will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, in four

performances during April.

The biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Joseph, his father's

favorite son, is a boy blessed with prophetic dreams. When he is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his spirit and humanity are continually challenged.

The musical, directed by Rachel Green, drama instructor at Orange High School, is full of singing, dancing, and comical and emotional moments. The audience will enjoy the entertaining variety of numbers.

Show times are April 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and April 16 and 2 and 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Orange Preparatory Academy.

School officials said the students are excited about participating in the production.

Elijah Stewart, who plays oldest

brother Reuben, said "I'm so thrilled to be in this show and getting to work with Mrs. Green for the first time. I'm getting to experience new types of music and dancing. I love spending time with my cast mates and using my talent to assist others."

Leonardo Salazar, a senior who plays brother Levi, said, "It has been a great experience being in my first production. Being a part of the cast has given me a chance to expand my horizons."

This is Green's first year as drama instructor at Orange High. She leads a cast of more than 30 students from Orange High and the

Orange Preparatory Academy.

The production also includes a children's choir with students from the city's elementary schools.

Some of the performers in Joseph are experienced members of the high school drama department and have participated in previous productions, such as "Dracula" and "Ain't Misbehavin'." Others are new to performing and are taking on the challenge.

The Orange High School Visual and Performing Arts Department production team includes Lisa Spottswood-Brown, who is in her second year as production manager, OHS chorus teacher David Milnes

as musical director, OHS dance teacher Tosha Brown as choreographer, Maren Sugarman, Orange Preparatory Academy drama instructor who serves as technical director and set designer, and Malika Abdul-Zahir who serves as assistant artistic director.

The production staff also includes Janelle Kennedy, visual arts teacher at Lincoln Avenue School who serves as set manager, and Kelly Grzesiak, visual arts teacher at Heywood Avenue School who serves as costume and makeup designer. Tickets will be available at the door as well as in advance by calling 973-677-4000, ext. 6093.

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