

Earlham Theater Students to Appear in Showcase

The Earlham High School theater department will participate in the 2023 Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase in honor of the school's achievements for its November 2022 production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Produced by Des Moines Performing Arts as the culmination of a year-long education initiative, the Showcase will be held at the Des Moines Civic Center on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. and will recognize a total of 94 schools from across the entire state.

From the DMPA website: "This unforgettable evening of entertainment is a celebration of the important contributions of Iowa's high school drama programs. Throughout the

year, theater professionals traveled across the state to review high school musical productions. Now, students from those schools will come together to share highlights from their productions on the Des Moines Civic Center stage and to receive honors for their work in performance, technical and creative categories. In addition, students will work under the direction of a guest music director and choreographer from New York City to give the best performances of their young lives."

Cole Flickinger and Keelan Hunter will represent Earlham by performing in a collaborative inter-school medley led by a guest Broadway music director and choreographer.

Earlham will also be recognized for Distinguished Scene "The Minstrel, the Jester and I;" Performance in a Lead Role by Ella Henke, Charlie Mineart, Ash Van Ness; and Behind the Scenes Roll for Stage Management, Ainsley Hughes.

Tickets to the Showcase, which start at \$15, are on sale at desmoinesperformingarts.org/events/2023-IHSM-TA-showcase, the Des Moines Civic Center Ticket Office, and by phone at 515-246-2300.

The Awards Showcase will be live-streamed at IowaPBS.org as part of a collaboration with Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS will also broadcast a highlights special of the event on Friday, July 14 at 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday, July 16 at 1:00 p.m.

All you need is Friends!

A great time was had by all on May 18 when The Friends of the Earlham Public Library hosted a fun-filled event at the city park. Kids and adults enjoyed a karaoke contest, a pie con-

test and auction, good food, and other activities.

The event was a fundraiser for the Earlham Library. The Friends are a non-profit group, separate from the library itself, made

up of volunteers for the purpose of supporting the library financially and promoting its use. The Friends help pay for items outside the library's normal operating budget.



(Above) Talented RaJan Monroe got the crowd worked up during a break in the karaoke contest. (Below, clockwise from left) Delayna, Jair, and (L-R) Esme, Seely, and Maggie were a few of the terrific karaoke singers. (Photos by Todd Weber.)



Ella Henke, Keelan Hunter, and Ash Van Ness in a scene from *Once Upon a Mattress*. (Photo by Shannon Payne.)



2023 Earlham Youth Football Sign Up

For students entering grades 3-6 (Fall 2023)

Please send e-mail to Charlie Lenze (charlielenze@gmail.com) to request a sign up form

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