

RBR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Spotlight on Visual and Performing Arts

Spring Musical – Shrek

March 30th thru April 2nd the Basie Award-winning Red Bank Regional Theatre Company performed SHREK: The Musical. The cast was led by Jay Lazen in the title role, Jaqueline Rogers as Fiona, Anna Musumeci as The Dragon, and Sean Busk as Donkey.



Teen Arts

The RBR Jazz Band performed at the Monmouth County Teen Arts Festival on Friday, March 17 at Brookdale Community College. Of the bands that participated, RBR came out on top. RBR Senior William Blake was also recognized as "Standout Soloist" on Alto Saxophone. The Jazz Band was selected to represent Monmouth County at the State Teen Arts Festival taking place at the end of May. The RBR Jazz Band would like to thank the Buc Backers for sponsoring their participation in the County Teen Arts Festival and extend gratitude to the district and administration for supporting our journey to the State Teen Arts Festival.



Reverberations

The VPA Senior Music Majors performed in their culminating recital entitled Reverberations on Wednesday April 19. The six students prepared and performed approximately 15 minutes of music each, conducted research to write program notes, and assembled the program, invitation, and poster. They also hosted a reception after the event! This year's music major seniors are Brydon Bullock, Maria Delrocio Palacios, Morgan Itri, Tyler Kushner, Jackie Rogers, and Tassos Soumbeniotis.



Art Show



Together the Art and Photo Majors combined their efforts to create a first class exhibition at The Guild of Creative Arts in Shrewsbury. It included 10 to 12 pieces from 12 graduating seniors. The artwork ranged from watercolors, oil paints, mixed media, digital art and film photography. The opening reception was held on April 21 to a full house. The show will be on exhibit until May 3, 2023. The artists showcase at the exhibit are: Mikayla Acosta, Madden Amper, Rubi Bautista, Daisy Hernandez, Cate McVeety, Madison Miller, Victoria Nikolovski, Maris Pomaski, Will Ross, Kate Smigie, Alexandra Sullivan and Molly Woods.

Voices

On Thursday, April 20th, the Creative Writers showcased their end-of-year show, VOICES. The show included originally written group scenes and individual pieces from the Creative Writing Majors in levels 1-3, with performance assistance from the level 4s. Highlighted writers included Level 1: Pier Downie, Eleanor Dragonetti, Michael Fontanetta, Keira Leverock, and Ash Pena-Martinez. Level 2: Sydnee Bowden, Trinity Pham, and Easy Jack Portman. Level 3: Rowan Martin, Isabela Rojo, Kai Sarcomo, and Morgan Wright.



Mega Concert Band Day

On Thursday, April 20, the RBR Concert Band hosted concert bands from Raritan HS & Middletown North HS in a friendly local festival. Each band performed individually, and then all musicians assembled on stage to rehearse and record three pieces. This event allowed all participants to experience playing in a much larger ensemble and receive varied instruction from each band director present. It was a great success!



Spring Dance Show and IB Dance

The Spring Dance Show will be held on Thursday, May 11. It will feature Seniors Sadie Berry, Ava Borriello, Valentina Gomez, Grace Karris, Kayla Kirk, Julia Molinari, Grace Porter, Nicole Rubino, Estefany Sanchez-Barcenas, and Gabriela Wardell. These dancers are also the first IB Dance students in the VPA and successfully submitted their portfolio requirements. The Dance Department is so proud of them!



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