

Media Release

BOSTES SHOWCASES HSC DRAMA AND DANCE STUDENTS AT ONSTAGE AND CALLBACK

Exemplary 2013 Higher School Certificate (HSC) Drama and Dance performances and projects take centre stage at the Seymour Centre over February for the OnSTAGE and CALLBACK showcases.

Mr Tom Alegounarias, President of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) said OnSTAGE and CALLBACK promote the depth and breadth of talent of NSW HSC dance and drama students.

“Being a performer requires a willingness to step outside your comfort zone. This year’s Drama students’ performances include portrayals of marketing executives, funeral parlour managers, detectives and environmentalists,” Mr Alegounarias said.

OnSTAGE also includes projects from students reflecting the vital activities that take place behind the scenes, from set design, lighting and costume design to promotion, program design and theatre criticism.

This year’s OnSTAGE season will preview on Saturday 8 February 2014 and run from Monday 10 to Friday 14 February 2014 at 1.30 pm and 7.30 pm in the York Theatre, Seymour Centre and features:

- OnSTAGE matinee and evening drama performances
- Writers OnSTAGE with readings of HSC Drama student scripts by professional actors
- Writers OnSCREEN with three video dramas to be screened
- An exhibition of individual projects by HSC Drama students including costume and set design, Director’s folios, program designs and theatre reviews.

CALLBACK, featuring dance performances and compositions, takes place in the Everest Theatre on 13 and 14 February.

“The works in the two BOSTES showcases are testimony to the quality of the NSW Drama and Dance curriculums and the dedication, creativity and courage of our HSC students.

“For current and future HSC dance and drama students the showcases are valuable opportunities to see the high standards that can be achieved.

“A life in the theatre can be a challenging one, and these students have the dedication, desire and natural talent needed to succeed and I welcome the opportunity provided by OnSTAGE to place them in the spotlight so they can receive recognition from a wider audience.

“BOSTES also acknowledges the effort and skills of our performing arts teachers and the many teachers involved in setting and marking the students’ HSC practical and written examinations,” Mr Alegounarias said.

For more information on the program visit www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/exhibitions/

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