



# O.C.V.I. Performing Arts Newsletter



**Jan, Feb, Mar Recap: "Act One: A New Year Begins"**

*Although the snow from 2024 lingers, 2025 begins with a fresh air of razzle and dazzle featuring new acts, spins, notes, and plenty of spotlights!*

## **! REMINDER: SOMETHING ROTTEN! !**

*Welcome to the Renaissance, where the Black Plague has ceded power to the Puritans, farthingales and codpieces are the latest fashion trend, and the biggest celebrity in England is a playwright named William Shakespeare. In the midst of all this excitement, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are trying to keep their acting company afloat. In a desperate attempt to out-Bard the Bard, Nick consults with a soothsayer, who informs him that the future of theatre involves acting, singing, and dancing -- sometimes all at once! As the Bottom brothers strive to write the world's very first "musical", they find themselves caught in a bitter battle with the Bard and the play's the thing. *Something Rotten!* is a hysterical celebration of everything you love (and hate) about Shakespeare and musicals.*

**Elementary School Matinees:** May 21, 22, 26

**OCVI Buy-Out:** May 27

**Tickets On Sale Now! Click The Date You'd Like To Attend Below**

**Show Dates:** [Wednesday, May 28](#), [Thursday, May 29](#), [Friday, May 30](#) at 7pm.

**Closing Show:** [Saturday, May 31](#) at 2pm

## **MAIN SPOTLIGHT EVENTS:**

### **THE ONTARIO VOCAL FESTIVAL (OVF) — MARCH 25 & 26**

O'Neill **hosted** the Ontario Vocal Festival (OVF) - Concert/Chamber East, **23** different schools with a total of **31 choirs participating**, that's **1065 choristers**:



**Chamber Choir, Men's Choir, Treble Voices, and Concert Choir** all

performed and took part in inspiring workshops with esteemed clinicians:

Thomas Burton (Toronto), Bruce

Cable (Victoria, BC), Scott Leithead (Edmonton, AB), and Kellie Walsh (St.

John's, NL). All ensembles were invited to the national **MusicFest**.





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### MOTOR CITY JAZZ FESTIVAL — FEBRUARY 27 & 28

OCVI Performing Arts recently hosted the **MotorCity Jazz Festival** with **21 bands** performing from across the **GTA** and **beyond**. 3 of our own jazz bands participated with exciting results! **OJ3** earned a **silver** rating with an **invitation** to the **National** level festival, **OJ2** a **silver plus** with an **invitation** and **OJ1** a **gold** with an **invitation**. **Congratulations** to all performers on your **fantastic** performances!



### CONCERT AND JAZZ BAND FESTIVAL SHOWCASE— MARCH 3

**Friends** and **family** had the chance to attend and **hear** all our bands perform their **festival pieces** at our annual.



### NEW PERFORMING ARTS WALL DECALS



*We got wrapped! All the new wall decals are thanks to the support of our principal, **Ms. Running**.*



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### TRIPS, EVENTS & PROJECTS: INSTRUMENTAL 🎸

#### Jazz Combo Lunch Performances — January 21st

The **jazz class** ended their semester by **entertaining staff** and **students** with **combo performances** in our front foyer.



#### OBA Concert Band Festival Trip — February 12th

Both the **Junior** and **Senior ensembles** went all the way to the **Chinese Cultural Center** to perform pieces they have dedicated tons of time and hard work towards. Winning **silver ++** for the Senior ensemble who performed 'Arabian Dances by Brian Balmages & 'Autumn' by Cait Nishimura. Our Junior ensemble won **silver** performing **Blue Sky Horizons** by Randall Standridge & **Horizons** by Brian Jagger. Each ensemble also earned an **invitation** to **perform** at the **MusicFest Canada National** level.



### TRIPS, EVENTS & PROJECTS: DANCE AND MOVEMENT STUDIES

#### 'Gather' Dance Showcase — February 19th 🕺

O'Neill Dance and Movement Studies Dancers gathered to present an evening of student choreographed social justice works and stage versions of our **art gallery pieces** and to **celebrate** their **creative pieces** from the **first semester** and to **promote** dance for **social change**.







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### TRIPS, EVENTS & PROJECTS: VOCAL & DRAMA

#### HYPROV: Improv Club Trip — February 2



O'Neill Improv was invited to see "Hyprov - Improv Under Hypnosis" at the Regent Theatre starring Canadian great Colin Mochrie. Not only did Mrs. Kelly get to participate in the performance - but students were invited to stay afterwards to meet the stars! We were part of a live recording so stay tuned for when and where this show is to be aired.



#### Nat. Theatre School DramaFest @ Richardson 'Passing Period Purgatory' Play

February 11th & February 20th

The O'Neill Theatre Troupe presented Passing Period Purgatory by Christian Kiley both at the school (Feb. 11th) and for the National Theatre School's One Act Drama Fest held at J. Clark Richardson on February 20th. Students had a wonderful time collaborating on this piece and participating in performances, adjudication, and workshops.

Congratulations to all students but special shout outs to Jake Rosnak (directing), Sam Renco (Lighting), and Markus Mitchell, Molly Currie, and Elizabeth Suchomski (Set) who received adjudication awards for their efforts.



#### Canadian Opera Company: Madame Butterfly — Jan 20

A group of students attended the Canadian Opera Company's production of Madame Butterfly at the Four





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**Seasons Centre in Toronto.** It was a thrill to see O'Neill PA alumnus **Emily Rocha** singing the role of **Kate Pinkerton!**

### SAVE THE DATE!

ALL	INSTRUMENTAL	VOCAL	DRAMA	DANCE
April 24, PA Orientation  April 28 - May 2, Senior PA Trip to Boston	May 8, Spring Finale (all bands and choirs)	April 3rd, Choral Festival Showcase, 7pm April 7th, Bradley Barnham Workshop (day)  April 12, Young Choral Artists Festival	May 6, Improv Club Night  <i>Something Rotten!</i> <a href="#">Wednesday, May 28,</a> <a href="#">Thursday, May 29, Friday, May 30</a> at 7pm. <i>Closing show</i> <a href="#">Saturday, May 31</a> at 2pm	May 12, Silhouettes and Connections Grade 10 Dance Solos Grade 11 Duets

### FOLLOW THE PA SOCIALS TO KEEP UP!



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