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I AM "Changed Forever"

Under the direction of Ms. Hayley Thompson, theatre education coordinator at the University of Central Oklahoma, 14 theatre, dance and music theatre students have the distinct opportunity to create and perform an original performance as a tribute to the Murrah bombing of April 19, 1995. Through special permission, the students were granted access to the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum and behind the scenes into the museum Archives. There the students chose poetry, music, cards, letters, and memorabilia left behind for family and friends of the victims of the national tragedy to create the "Changed Forever" performance. The performance will open on February 16th and 18th with two special matinees offered to high schools and three evening performances, 18th-20th, in the Pegasus Theatre on the UCO campus. The performance will also travel to the Tulsa Performing Arts Center on March 28th. A final performance will be hosted in Downtown Oklahoma City on April 3rd, just prior to the 15th anniversary of the bombing. Admission to all shows are free. Donations will be collected to benefit the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum and UCO scholarships. Performance sponsors include the KATT, AT&T, Sagac Public Affairs, Cory's Audio Visual and Action Safety.

Spotlight Event

Youth Arts Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol, Tuesday, March 2nd from 9 am to 11 am, 4th floor Rotunda
As an opening celebration event highlighting Arts Education in Oklahoma, the OCAE will host students from across Oklahoma to showcase their talents for Oklahoma State Representatives and Senators. Guest speakers include Lt. Governor Jari Askins and State Representative Lee Denney. Guest performers include the OMEA Children's Chorus and Miss Oklahoma 2009, Taylor Treat. Open to the public.

Upcoming events

February 13:

Technical Production Workshop for Educators, 9 am –4 pm, Mitchell Hall Theatre

February 13:

Oklahoma Arts Institute Auditions, 9 am–6 pm, Education Building

February 16 and 18:

Changed Forever, High School Matinees, 11 am, Pegasus Theatre, LA Building

February 18, 19, and 20:

Changed Forever, 7:30 pm, Pegasus Theatre, Liberal Arts Building

February 20:

Theatre High School Day, 1 pm–9 pm, Campus Tour, Liberal Arts Building

February 23:

Chamber Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm, UCO Jazz Lab

February 27:

Art High School Day, 9:30 am–4:30 pm, Campus Tour, Art and Design Building

February 28:

Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert, 3 pm, First Presbyterian Church

More information available at www.ocae.net/events or www.camd.uco.edu



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