

GRACEFUL SINGING Sandra Ankenman '20 and fellow Harlequin actors sing a beautiful song in helping the audience discover more about Peter Pan's life

SAILING AWAY Jacob Brelsford '21 prepares for battle to defeat the other enemy ship to obtain the treasure.

CONFUSED EXPRESSIONS Anton Karabushin '21, Zoe Griffiths '20, and Sandra Ankenman '20 looking out towards the audience as they ponder their situation.



Run Away With Me, Peter

Harlequin actors find the challenges and rewards of theater experiences

Joseph Steele '21 has had passion for theater for as long as he can remember, and being able to participate in Harlequin was a big opportunity to showcase his talents. Playing the part of Mrs. Bumbrake in Peter and the Starcatcher, Steele was able to embrace his role and portray a character everyone could enjoy.

"Theater gets me out of my comfort zone, and with my role, I played a woman and I feel like I got to express like how free and freeing theater can be," Steele said. "I saw the previous show last year and it felt like a different experience than the musical."

Harlequin, and theater in general, is a huge commitment for students. It takes hours of practice and rehearsals to master a show, and it can be hard to keep up with.

"The hardest part for me was keeping up with everything else, because it's such a time devotion," Jacob Brelsford '21, who played Black Stache, said. "You have to really get a good balance of other stuff like social and school-wise."

The show also provided students with a chance to experience theatre in ways they hadn't in a while, from helping with the set and lighting to being in the spotlight again.

Emma Gordon '21, who hadn't had a role since middle school, found herself on stage for the Harlequin show instead of behind the scenes doing make-up.

"From August to November was Peter and the Starcatcher," Gordon said, referring to her preparation. "It was kind of hard not to because I already loved the show so much so I tried to be on top of my memorization, blocking and makeup duties so I could pull my weight and feel like I was as prepared as I could be."

Even with all of the time spent at rehearsals and memorizing lines, the thespians found joy in the escape from reality and bonding with other students.

"I found it as a distraction from all that other stuff, so it allowed me to get away and just have fun with people that are fun and not have to worry about 'ugh I have to do calculus tomorrow'," Brelsford said. "I was able to get my mind off of other things and enjoy something other than that stress."

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Nesting in DC

Nest Network students expand their learning at DC journalism convention

Nest Network students had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. to better themselves in journalism and better their website for students to enjoy. "I learned a lot more about web design and I was able to completely redesign our website to be more successful for viewers," Kaitlyn Weifenbach '20 said. The experience provided them a chance to build up what they started this fall. "I learned a lot more about the importance of using our social media platforms," Aliya Getchell said. "We learned a lot more about building relationships with students and staff in order to be more successful with coverage."



PLAYING ALONG Kaitlyn Weifenbach '20 plays along with an interactive exhibit at the Newseum while Aliya Getchell '20 and Jeremy Garza '22 read the information that pops up.

ENJOYING THE VIEW Getchell poses on the top balcony of the Newseum overlooking D.C. while Weifenbach snaps a quick pic.

GETTING STUDIOUS Garza, Weifenbach, Getchell, and Owen Shriver '20 took a break to visit an old book store-restaurant combo before heading out to get crepes.

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Make it an Occasion

Clubs welcome kids to trick-or-treat at the annual Fall Fest

WHO Brittany Weeks '21, Abigail Harman '20, and Kelly Zimmerman

WHAT Weeks and Harman had the job at Fall Fest to help run a food station with other Link Crew students, where they had chocolate covered apples and helped put toppings on the apples for kids.

WHEN October 24th from 4:30- 6:30 p.m.

WHERE The Link Crew table was in the school cafeteria, but kids could also go out to the mobile to experience a haunted house.

WHY Brittany wanted to be in Fall Fest because Link Crew needed some volunteers and she wanted to get involved with Eaglecrest and help others. Abigail wanted to be in Fall Fest because she needed community service and because she loves kids and helping her community. Weeks and Harman's favorite part was seeing all of the kids dressed up in their costumes and being able to make an impact in the kids lives.

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"We were lucky to have a really good audience opening night. I felt all of my fears were gone and we were putting on the best show we could."

- Emma Gordon '21