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QMS Actors Practice for Fame

Fine Arts students tackle Fame—The Musical

November 4th, 2014 - Duncan, BC, Canada – Queen Margaret's School students are leaping into the intense world of New York performing arts in this year's dramatic show of *Fame – The Musical*.

"I wanted to select a show that would bring the fine and performing arts together in a big way," explains Ms. Martina Blake, Director. "And that is exactly what this production is, BIG. Our cast consists of over 40 students (including a blend of international and day students) with additional crew and choir members involved for support. There is a huge buzz on campus about this play."

Set in 1984 at the world famous High School for Performing Arts in New York, young talented hopefuls undertake the journey of their lives. Ambition, triumph, heartbreak and romance conspire to steer them off course, and the pressure is too much for some. But these kids are determined to live forever.

Featuring talented singers, dancers and actors from Grades 5-12, QMS' cast includes **Yuki Watanabe** as Carmen Diaz, **Cassy Marr** as Schlomo Metzenbaum, **Sierra Tanner** as Serena Katz, **Jacob McIntyre** as Nick Piazza, **Stephen Igbiosa** as Tyrone Jackson and **Alexandra Haggith-Sookachoff** as Iris Kelly. "When Alex auditioned, her lengthy training with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet poured through and she blew our minds," says Blake. "We made her read some lines and knew she would be perfect as Iris." Due to the dance talent levels of the cast, Blake and her Musical Director, Mrs. Alison Hounscome plan to develop more dynamic choreography than what is provided in the script. "There is so much magic inside these students and they can't wait to show everyone what they can do this spring," adds Blake.

Fame – The Musical hits the QMS Fine Arts Hall stage **February 26-28, 2015** with evening performances each night at **7:00pm** and a **2:00pm** matinee on *February 28, 2014*. Tickets will be \$10 each.

About Queen Margaret's School

Established in 1921, **Queen Margaret's School (QMS)** is located on 27 country-like acres in Duncan, BC. QMS offers a co-ed ECE Program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), University-Preparatory School for girls (Grades 8-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus Equestrian English Riding Program and a small intensive English language Learner (ELL) Program. As a globally-minded community, Queen Margaret's School provides enriched educational experiences and unique programs that prepare students for university, for higher education, for life.

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