

Las Positas College Media Advisory

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Las Positas College Department of Theater Arts presents "Let's Face It - The Life and Times of Cole Porter."

The Las Positas College Department of Theater Arts is proud to present "Let's Face It - The Life and Times of Cole Porter." A brilliant composer and lyricist, Porter left an indelible impression on the development of musical theater worldwide. Cole Porter was the prolific composer and lyricist for many works in the American musical theatre, and of hundreds of standards now canonized in what is termed the "Great American Songbook," Cole Porter is treasured for his verbal sophistication, ribaldry, and complexity as much as for his exceptional musical gifts. Among his best-known shows are Anything Goes (1934), Kiss Me, Kate (1948), Can-Can (1953), Silk Stockings (1954), and High Society (1955).

The Musical Theater Workshop course offers students training in performance skills for the musical theater, with emphasis on acting, stage movement and vocal production. This showcase was developed by the musical theater students to discuss Cole's life and legacy. Students wrote scripts, chose music, choreographed/staged numbers and then put all the disparate pieces together to create their show, with piano collaboration by Jeremiah Trujillo. This event is free to attend, with a suggested \$5 donation.

"I felt it was important for Las Positas students to learn about Cole Porter so they would be able to simultaneously work on their musicianship and their ability to recognize a clever or sophisticated lyric. Cole Porter challenges our students. He uses a great deal of range and styles in his compositions, including large intervallic jumps, chromatic scales, swing rhythms, and long notes. His writing style is a who's who of American life in the 20th century, so it requires a certain amount of scholarship to understand what and who you are actually singing about. I believe Las Positas students have developed a real appreciation for Cole and for the influence he has had on the contemporary musical theatre," shares Professor Dyan McBride, Director.

Who: THEA 39 Musical Theater Showcase

What: "Let's Face It - The Life and Times of Cole Porter"

When: Saturday, December 14th, 7 p.m.

Where: Las Positas College, Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box, Building 4000

Las Positas College
3000 Campus Hill Drive
Livermore, CA 94551-7650

Student performers include: Caitlyn Acha, Sofia Barrera, Nicolas Bihler, Zoey Bothwell-Mitlitsky, Sierra Bolar, Raymond Border, Alex Borja, Madalyn Burgess, Carter Creamer, Charlotte Crespin, Harrison Dunn, Esamaa Elgarguri, Mathew Glenn, Jasmine Guerrero, Gretchen Klees, Liva Langer, Hannah Manual, Elijah Maycon, Claudia Melo Crespo, Osvaldo Mora, Kieran Nicholas Fernandez, Jack Petrin, Holly Simoskevitz, Erin Thrush, Veronica Valenti, Paige Vales, Jenna Van Ommeren, Thelonius Walters, and Jonathan Weiss.

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