



M.E. LaZerte Drama Students To Perform In the August 2011 Edinburgh Scotland Fringe Theatre Festival!

Each year the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) is held in August in Edinburgh, Scotland, in conjunction with the Edinburgh Fringe - the oldest and largest theatre festival in the world.

Two thousand high schools in the United States and Canada are invited to apply for a performance spot. This year Theatre Alberta recommended M.E. LaZerte to AHSTF, and M.E. LaZerte was subsequently invited to apply for a performance spot.

The review and selection process is extremely rigorous. AHSTF reviews such things as the drama teacher's education and experience, the history of the school's drama program, including any awards received, and also requires a number of supporting letters from the education and arts communities.

Out of the two thousand schools that were invited to apply, M.E. LaZerte is one of the forty that were selected to perform.

In Scotland, the students will be performing a shortened version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," set on the west coast of Canada in 1962. In preparation for the festival, there will be two performances of the play at M.E. LaZerte, 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 28th and Wednesday June 29th. Rather than charging admission, donations will be accepted at the door, with all proceeds going to help offset the cost of the trip for the students. Donations of \$25 or more qualify for a charitable donation receipt.



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