Assignment: Actor Biography

Due Date: Friday, March 13, 2020

Email your bio to [mharriso@psdschools.org](mailto:mharriso@psdschools.org)

You will write a short autobiography to be printed and displayed under your headshot. Your bio does not need to be long yet should be honest and personal. Write your bio in third person. Your paragraph should be free of spelling and grammatical errors; use American spellings.

Things you should steer clear from in a bio:

* Political agendas or rudeness toward anyone
* Thanking lots and lots of people
* Inside jokes
* Bitterness or negativity of any kind
* Stating your “dream roles” i.e. Miss Harrison hopes to someday play Maria in “The Sound of Music.”

Things to include (use this as a guide to fill in your answers then transfer to a typed narration):

* Name and character
* Grade in school (age optional)
* Extra-curricular groups and clubs (music ensembles, sports teams, etc.)
* What you want to be when you grow up
* Shows you have been in before this, if any, and the roles played
* Things you enjoy outside of school
* A favorite song or part of the show, OR something you have learned/enjoyed throughout this process
* Your favorite animal

**EXAMPLES:**

**Phuong Nguyen (sound manager, age 14)**

Phuong plays the tenor saxophone in the J. Frank Dobie MS honor band and jazz band, and the all city band and jazz band. He is the yearbook editor, is on the school newspaper journalism crew, plays football and tennis, and is the president of NJHS. He enjoys skateboarding a lot, Metalica, and Guns and Roses. He hopes to be in a glam band when he grows up. Phuong likes running the sound and working behind the scenes to make the show great.

**Mallory Harrison (ensemble, age 13)**

Mallory is in 8th grade. She sings in Silver and Burgundy, Chamber Choir, PSD Honor Choir, and plays first chair trumpet in band. She has been taking private piano lessons for five years, and got to accompany her choir in a song this year. Mallory likes to play tennis; she is the PSD champion in #3 Doubles. She is actively involved in her church youth group and enjoys spending time with her friends. Mallory likes creative writing, skiing, and camping. Although she was in a musical at her elementary school, this is Mallory’s first time on stage at Blevins JHS. She has enjoyed her experience with Mrs. Griffey and the cast; her favorite song from the show is “Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again.” When Mallory grows up, she wants to be a midwife.

**Melissa Claeys (Mary Poppins, age 13)**

Melissa is in 8th grade. She plays first chair flute, participates in marching band during the summer, sings alto 1 in show choir, and sings alto in mixed choir. She started taking piano lessons in third grade, and competes in Guild Piano Association competitions. Melissa is on the varsity soccer team and the JV basketball team for Indian River MS, and is active in student council. Her favorite part about middle school is going to the dances. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and swimming in her pool when not at school. This is Melissa’s first time in a musical theater production, and she loves to sing and dance at the same time. Her favorite part of the show is the “Step in Time” dance scene. When she grows up, Melissa wants to be a pediatrician.

**Miss Mallory Harrison (director)**

Miss Harrison is a music/choir teacher and amateur performer. She sings with Laudamus Chamber Choir, and has played ensemble roles in Fort Collins Children’s Theatre’s productions of “Cinderella” and “Peter Pan,” and Mrs. Mayor in “Seussical.” Although performing is fun and what started her on the music education path, Miss Harrison’s true passion is directing. Harrison says and believes, “kids are capable of a lot. Just because a child is in elementary or middle school doesn’t mean things have to be ‘cute’ or ‘dumbed down.’ If given the proper guidance and tools then treated like professionals with high standards, the kids will create an extraordinary production.” When not at school, Miss Harrison enjoys reading, playing board games, eating a lot, scuba diving, skiing, and spending time with her future husband, Joel Wilson. Miss Harrison’s favorite part of “The Ugly Duckling” is the duck dance and her favorite animal is a t-rex.