

"The people I get to be around and the experiences I learn from in theatre are really what make it theatre for me." - ELRIC UPSHAW (10)

the show must go on



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GULFPORT HIGH'S THEATRE PROGRAM ADAPTS TO COVID-19.



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COVID-19 has been difficult on almost everyone, but it has had a massive impact on the GHS Theatre program. The Theatre program has had to adapt to limited seating, acting in face shields, and changing the way they perform overall. GHS' Theatre program even started selling tickets online and streaming their shows online so that more people were able to watch while limiting exposure. Regardless of COVID-19, GHS Theatre has been able to put on great shows such as *The War of the Worlds* and competition shows that they performed virtually at DramaFest and advanced to the state level with. They also performed William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and they plan to put on *Peter and the Starcatcher* in May. In addition to their dedication to excellence, the GHS Theatre program is dedicated to its members. **HUNTER DUVAL (10)** says, "Being part of the GHS theatre is like a family because everyone is so accepting, and it feels like you can talk to almost anyone, even the teacher, about almost anything. You have no fear of judgment." Becoming a part of the GHS Theatre program is becoming a part of a family that supports one other no matter the circumstances.



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"Theatre wouldn't be the same without the people and the relationships you build in it."
- JONATHAN STREETMAN (12)



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thank you, five

When the lead for a *Midsummer Night's Dream* was quarantined hours before the show, JAMES TAYLOR (10) stepped up to the plate.



what was your biggest fear about going on stage with 5 hours of notice?

"My biggest fear was disappointing everyone because I knew it meant a lot to everyone else who had been working on it for so long, so I didn't want to mess up."

what pushed you to do it?

"It was the people in theatre that I'm friends with. They make me want to work hard and there were just a lot of pros."



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1. KASSIDY LABIT (9) and EMMA KIDD (9) are pictured during *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 2. TOBY MOSHER (12) reads a script during rehearsal. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 3. DANIEL LAMBERT (11) continues a theatre tradition of working a fake chicken into a scene during a show during *War of the Worlds*. 4. EMMA SOFGE (11) and ASHTON NECAISE (11) dancing the "Bergamask" in rehearsal. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 5. NOAH SEAL (12) and CAMERON BRITTON (12) act as Nick Bottom and Snout. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 6. OLIVIA KIDD (11) delivers a monologue from a set piece that the cast built together. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 7. JOSEPH JONES (12) and ELLRIC UPSTAW (10) hang out in the Green Room. Photo by Vivian Ozerden 8. ALICIA YOUNG (9), EMMA KIDD (9), and KASSIDY LABIT (9) watch OLIVIA KIDD (11) perform a monologue. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 9. CAMERON BRITTON (12), NOAH SEAL (12), DANIEL LAMBERT (11), and ASHTON NECAISE (11) watch AVA SUIT (11) and HUTSON ROLLINS (12) have a staring contest. Photo by Vivian Ozerden 10. JACOB BARNES (11) and JOSEPH JONES (11) act as Puck and Oberon in rehearsal for a *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 11. MELANIE KIDD (FACULTY) gives notes to the cast after a dress rehearsal. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 12. JARED ROSETTI (11) performs a scene with VIVIAN OZERDEN (11). Photo by Madylaine Brooks 13. EMMA SOFGE (11), ASHTON NECAISE (11), JONATHAN TUCKER (12), AVA SUIT (11), HUTSON ROLLINS (12), JARED ROSETTI (11), and VIVIAN OZERDEN (11) watch *Pyramus and Thisbe*. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 14. NOAH SEAL (12) practices in a donkey head. Photo by Vivian Ozerden 15. FISHER KREMER (12) performs a monologue while NOAH SEAL (12) pretends to be dead. Photo by Madylaine Brooks 16. FISHER KREMER (12), CAMERON BRITTON (12), NOAH SEAL (12), JONATHAN STREETMAN (12), and HUNTER DUVAL (10) perform as the mechanicals in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Photo by Madylaine Brooks



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