



THE ARCHBISHOP JORDAN SCOTSMAN



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Addams Family Interviews

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ALBERTA, Sherwood Park -- From March 13th-17th, the ABJ Musical Theatre 10’s, 20’s, and 30’s put on an outstanding production of the musical comedy *The Addams Family*. To celebrate all of the hard work they put into their performance, we decided to interview a few members of the cast and Mrs. Moes, the musical director, to see what the musical theatre is all about.

Alyssa Capper (more commonly known as AC)→Cast Member

1. What does it take to put together a musical at ABJ?

To put together a musical, it takes a lot of hard work and sacrifice to other aspects in your life. I think most of all it takes dedication to your character and perseverance in keeping your energy high and doing your best no matter what.

2. What led you to taking musical theatre?

I have always been a theatre nerd and seeing that ABJ offered Musical Theatre, how could I resist? Honestly, going into it I had no idea what to expect, I'm not a singer or a dancer but being in Musical Theatre has taught me so much. And it's awesome because you don't need to be amazing at singing or dancing to be a part of our production. I have learned so much and have grown greatly as an actor, and as a person. I am so thank to be a part of this amazing family, the Addams Family!

3. What is your favourite part of musical theatre?

My favourite part of Musical Theatre is at the end of our show right before the final bow when we are all ourselves singing as



loud and with as much energy as possible and we are all one voice as a family. That moment when we all go down for the bow and the lights go out is such a thrilling and exhilarating moment that just feels so welcoming and so totally worth it.

Mrs. Moes→Musical Director

1. What inspired you to join the world of musical theatre?

I was in my first musical when I was 7 years old so I caught the bug for musicals pretty early! I performed with community theatres, a college production when I was 14 and then pursued music in post secondary where I also took part in opera as well.

2. What's your favourite musical?

It's hard for me to pin down a favourite musical because it's such a diverse genre, but I'm pretty in love with Hamilton and The Last Five Years.

3. What is your favourite aspect of musical theatre and why? (dancing, singing or acting)

In musical theatre a performer shouldn't separate the aspects of acting, dance and vocals. My personal strengths have always been singing and acting ahead of dance, but a performer certainly needs to adept in all three disciplines to give an effective performance.

4. What does it take to produce a musical?

To produce a musical it takes hours, it takes patience, it takes organization, and most importantly, collaboration between the directing team and the students.



Mr. Maloney and Miss Waslen and I spent a lot of our time planning and building this musical together. We each had our own roles as artistic director (Maloney), choreographer (Waslen) and myself as musical director but our roles were very intertwined and it took a lot of teamwork!

5. What is the best advice you could give to students hoping to pursue musical theatre?

Be ready to be a team member, to work really, really hard and to give up a lot of time to create a high quality show! We have high expectations of our students, but we foster a caring and supportive environment where we put you in the position to be the best!

Destiny Meilleur

1. What does it take to put together a musical at ABJ?

To put together an ABJ Musical, it involves a lot of passion and commitment and a lot of hard work. Nothing could be done without the passion and hard work of every person involved. It takes a lot of time and effort. It takes strength and energy and really it takes an ability to work with others, to compromise and to listen to direction and take critics.

2. What led you to taking musical theatre?

Ever since I was a kid I had a love of music and the arts and I had been in dance, singing, and acting classes and when I found out you can get the best of all three worlds in one type of art I started to grow my passion for musical theatre. As well as the family type environment that is created in the class is a feeling you really can't find anywhere else.

3. What is your favourite part of musical theatre?

My favourite part of musical theatre is the family environment and getting to watch everyone grow and prosper. As well as the people in the class are all so supportive and caring and are always willing to help with anything you might need.



PyeongChang 2018 Olympics
By Madeleine Polak

SOUTH KOREA, Pyeongchang-- From February 9th to February 25th, 91 nations competed in the 23rd modern Winter Olympic Games in addition to the Olympic Athletes from Russia (OAR) who were not permitted to compete as a nation due to a suspension related to cheating in the previous two Olympics. 102 events in 15 sports were featured, making it the first Winter Olympics to have more than 100 medal events. The six new events added to the program included mixed doubles curling, mixed team alpine skiing and men’s and ladies’ big air snowboarding. Opening and closing ceremonies, along with the Paralympics, took place in the Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium (which cost over US\$100 million to build!) and were it’s only intended use, therefore it is now scheduled for destruction. All of the Team Canada athletes performed exceptionally. The canadian ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, who were the opening ceremonies flag bearers, were no exception, breaking their previous world record in the short dance bringing home a gold medal. In the end, Canada came in 3rd place after Norway and Germany with 11 gold, 8 silver, and 10 bronze medals leading to a grand total of 29, three more than their previous record of 26. Go Canada go!



Curling
Ashleigh McKinnon

ABJ curling impressed us very much this season, we couldn’t ask for much more! The team, Maria, J’lyn, Tyler, and Joel, won the zone final on the 21st of February, which bought them their spot to the provincials. Provincials took place at the St. Albert curling club from the 28th of February to the 3rd of March. The team won two games and lost two games in the round robin play, which did not get them to playoffs. However, the team had a great time at the banquet meeting the one and only Marc Kennedy, who has won the Olympic gold in Vancouver 2010 and participated in PyeongChang 2018. What an amazing experience, way to make us proud guys!



Easter: From Different Religious Perspectives
Ashleigh McKinnon

Did you know that Easter is the oldest of all the Christian holidays? But that’s not all the facts I have for you, ABJ! This article is going to give you more knowledge on how Easter has developed through the years.

There is evidence that early Christians actually celebrated Easter every single Sunday. That’s right. But that ended pretty quickly after because by the first or second century, it became only an annual affair, as it is today. It is also noticed that many of the traditions have been carried over from the Jewish celebration of Passover.

Christians in Syria and Mesopotamia had their festivals the Sunday after Passover, but those in the Alexandria region held it on the Sunday after the Spring Equinox.

Now for traditions, Orthodox churches always process outside in the dark. They search for Christ’s body, then announce “Christ is risen!” They return carrying candles. Protestants include baptism and eucharist, and a sunrise service to signify Mary Magdalene’s arrival at the empty tomb. Secular culture has taken rabbits and eggs and use them to symbolize rabbits and eggs as fertility. Eggs are a symbol of joy and celebration because they were forbidden during the fast of Lent.



Top Events This Month!

Victoria Wright

- The new movie *Black Panther*, was released after the anticipated excitement. It has not let the Marvel fans down.
- American Idol returns, with new judges Luke Bryan, Katy Perry, and Lionel Richie.
- Kylie Jenner welcomes her new baby, Stormi Webster into the world.
- Kate Middleton and Prince Harry prepare to welcome baby number three.
- Redhead emojis have arrived and can now be key enhancements to texts and social media!
- Disney and Pixar fans wait in excitement for the release of *Incredibles 2* coming soon.
- The underdogs in the football final - the Philadelphia Eagles - won the Superbowl!



Hustle and Hoops

Victoria Wright

After a competitive basketball season this year at Archbishop Jordan, unfortunately no teams medalled - however the Scots played their best all through the play off season. With the Junior Girls winning against Ross Shep with a score of 59 to 43, they advanced to the semi final match against Harry Ainley. With a loss only by one basket during overtime, the girls were devastated, but kept their heads held high as they knew they represented their school well. With the Junior boys winning 62 to 35 against Edmonton Christian, they also advanced to the semi final match but sadly did not advance to the gold medal game. And finally, while the Senior boys won an exciting game against AOB, they finished the championship game with a silver medal. Still making all the Scots proud! Congrats to the Senior girls team who also remained dedicated and worked hard all season.



ABJ is Changing the World

ALBERTA -- Edmonton, Every year, hundreds of students involved in politics, speech, and debate, participate in a mock United Nations at the University of Alberta. Each student plays a role as a nation on a specific council, similar to how the United Nations operates in “real life”. On each council, topics of debate are discussed, resolution papers are written, alliances are formed, and crises are solved. Some of the topics the Archbishop Jordan students discussed includes, mandatory vaccinations, terrorism off the Horn of Africa, sustainability of pollination, limiting nuclear arms tests, redefining the definition of narcotics, and many more. Within the debates, every student also has immense opportunities to learn about global issues, foreign policies, operations and practices of the United Nations, and other skills to prepare them for the real world.

All the ABJ students came to the Model UN prepared and eager to debate their issues at hand. In each council, the Scots were vocal and participated fully within the debates. Some of the students also worked on position papers and resolution papers before and during the conference. Not only does the Model United Nations help students in gaining knowledge and skills, but students are able to meet other people they relate to and build friendships that last them a lifetime. Congratulations to Victoria Wright, Jackson Miller, Chris Valaire, Max Bahri, Seamus McCoy, Garth MacDonald and Mathieu Meurer in representing Archbishop Jordan at the Highschool Model UN. As well as, Nathan Correia who was unfortunately sick and could not make the debate. Also congratulations to Victoria Wright and Jackson Miller who won an award for Outstanding Diplomat for their incredible work representing Uruguay on the 2018 Security Council.



Purpose:

This short-term reciprocal student exchange program is designed to give Alberta students an opportunity to learn more about Japan and its culture and to give Japanese students a similar opportunity to learn about Canada.

Objectives :

To enable high school students to experience family and school life in another country - To establish international contacts - To develop an understanding of another culture - To promote international understanding

Yamate Gakuin:

Yamate is a private co-educational school located in Yokohama, Japan. The school, which was founded in 1966, provides a liberal education emphasizing responsible participation in community and international affairs. An international excursion is an integral part of the school's educational program and is compulsory for all Grade 11 students. Field trips to the United States and Canada and the return visits from American and Canadian students have been prominent events for the school for the past 36 years. Exchange Program Each April, approximately 160 Yamate students come to Alberta for two weeks. During this period they are billeted with Alberta families and attend classes in their host school, tour local attractions, attend social functions, spend family time with their host families, etc. In July, Alberta students pay a return visit to Japan and stay with Japanese families. Yamate Gakuin organizes some special day tours for the visiting students. Priority to travel to Japan goes first to students who billet Japanese students. The only costs to the Alberta student are airfare, ground transportation, insurance and spending money. Any hosting student from a hosting school may apply for the return visit, but, if some extra spaces are available, other students from those hosting schools can apply. Should you wish to be involved in this program and can billet Japanese students, but are unable to travel to Japan, this would still be a wonderful experience.

In the 2018-2019 school year, the Yamate students will exchange with the Edmonton & Area Schools (a three year cycle – Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer). There will be 8 Edmonton – Area schools involved this year: Archbishop Jordan, John Paul II (St. Andre Bessette), Salisbury Composite, Jasper Place, Strathcona Composite, Louis St. Laurent, Sturgeon Composite and St. Peter the Apostle (Spruce Grove). Approximately 160 Yamate students will arrive Friday April 12 in Edmonton to stay 2 weeks until Friday April 26, 2019 with their Edmonton area hosts. In July 2019, all schools participating in hosting will send students to Yokohama, Japan for 2 weeks on the reciprocal exchange. The chaperones will be from the participating schools.

***There will be an information evening on Wednesday, April 11 at ABJ, in the Library 6:30 pm Dates for the 2019 Exchange

Should you wish to Billet, please fill out the billet request form and return it to Ms Hallonquist. Please send any inquiries to Ms Hallonquist: margeh@eics.ab.ca, 780 467-2121 Ext 2110

Itinerary In Japan: Friday, July 19- Saturday, August 3, 2019

Fri July 19 – leave Edm/Vanc – for Tokyo
Sat July 20 – arrive Tokyo, bus to Yamate Gakuin School, hosted by parents
Sun July 21 – with host family
Mon July 22 - with host family
Tue July 23-with host family
Wed July 24 – Tokyo Excursion
Thurs July 25 - with host family
Fri July 26 - Yokohama Excursion
Sat July 27 – with host family
Sun July 28 - Cultural day hosted by Yamate Parent’s association 10:00–12:00
Mon July 29 - with host family
Tue July 30 – with host family
Wed Aug 31 - Disneyland tour hosted by Yamate Parent’s association
Thur Aug 1 - with host family
Fri Aug 2- with host family
Sat Aug 3 - leave for Canada, arrive back in Canada



Hollywood 2020?

Madeleine Polak

It has been a little over a year since Donald J. Trump became president. Several other celebrities are now considering following in Trump's footsteps and pursuing a career in the White House.

First of all, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, an actor, producer, and semi-retired professional wrestler, has teased his run several times. In 2016, he acknowledged an article encouraging him to run for president on Twitter saying, "Maybe one day. Surely the White House has a spot for my pick up truck." He later jokingly announced his campaign with Tom Hanks on *Saturday Night Live* during the 2017 season finale.

Secondly, Kanye West, a famous singer, songwriter, fashion designer, and entrepreneur, joked about running for president in 2020 during the 2015 MTV awards, over a year before Trump was elected. At the end of his 11-minute acceptance speech, he stunned the crowd with the words, "And yes, as you probably could have guessed by this moment, I have decided in 2020 to run for president."

Finally, the suggestions and rumors of Oprah Winfrey, a well known philanthropic talk show host and actress, running for president have been going around for years, but Oprah has continuously shut them down. After the 2018 Golden Globes, where she gave an empowering speech about equality and the #MeToo movement a demand for Oprah to run for president broke out, although she continued to deny wanting to run.

So who knows, will we be seeing these celebrities or any other stars in office in the near future?

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