

Press Release



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Rehearsing for “Life is a Rock: a 1970s Musical Review” are, from left: Rose Caughie; James Martine as Elton John; Kenzie Schilling, seated, as Carly Simon; Warren Chapman as Dr. Johnny Fever of “WKRP in Cincinnati”; Emily Gehrke as Alison Steele, the legendary overnight disc jockey at New York’s WNEW.

’70s come alive with music and laughs in first-ever BGHS/PHS dinner theater

Remember – and enjoy – the 1970s!

Battle Ground and Prairie high school students are combining their acting and musical talents for their first-ever dinner theater April 28 and 29, a fun, fast-moving and evocative musical sprint down memory lane. A presentation for students on April 27 at reduced price will include dessert, but not dinner.

Nostalgia will be free flowing, with these and other songs, artists and events represented: Simon and Garfunkel . . . Watergate . . . “American Pie” . . . Archie

Bunker . . . Elton John . . . Vietnam . . . Carly Simon . . . Kent State . . . Neil Diamond . . . John Denver . . . “Rocky” . . . Blues Brothers . . . the first video games . . . Apollo space missions . . . “Staying Alive” . . . “Kramer vs. Kramer” . . . King Tut . . . Billy Jean King . . . “Midnight Train to Georgia” . . . Ted Bundy . . . “WKRP in Cincinnati.”

As James Earl Jones said in the movie “Field of Dreams,” for those in the audience “It’ll be as if they’d dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they’ll have to brush them away from their faces.”

WHAT: “Life is a Rock: a 1970s Musical Revue” written by Michael and Claire Verity; Italian dinner by Sodexo, the school district’s food service contractor: Caesar salad, vegetarian pasta primavera in creamy Alfredo sauce, beverage, dessert

WHEN: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, for students (dessert, no dinner) and Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, with dinner, for the general public

WHERE: Battle Ground High School, 300 W. Main St., Battle Ground

WHO: Performed by students from Battle Ground and Prairie high schools, under the direction of teachers Claire Verity and Darcy Schmitt

Tickets: Wednesday, April 27 performance and dessert, for students: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets at ASB offices of PHS and BGHS. Public performances, with full dinner, \$22 each or \$120 for a six-seat table. Available online at www.seatyourself.biz/bghs

This show is certain to conjure up all kinds of memories – mostly good -- for anyone who lived through the era or has come to appreciate its music. Director and co-author Verity describes the show as “a wonderful, multimedia journey through the decade set to popular music of the period.”

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