

## stevens dramatic society



## **General Body Meeting #1**

January 24, 2024









## Welcome Back!!!



## Self Check-In!

New DuckLink System



### **CHECK-IN**

#### GBM 1 (SPRING MUSICAL AUDITION DETAILS)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 9:15PM



https://cglink.me/2xe/c375642116201340

- 1 Open the CampusGroups app.
- ② Select 'Stevens Institute of Technology'.
- (3) Click on QR Code scanner.
- (4) Scan this QR Code and you are checked-in!





# Housekeeping

## What is SDS?



A student run theatrical organization founded in 1910 at Stevens Institute of Technology. The purpose of Stevens Dramatic Society is to promote interest in the performing arts and to produce great theatre!



## **Executive Board**









Vice Prez Kai Raiola



Business
Hannah Preszler



Publicity
Sofia Lopez



SMAL Taylor Terry



JMAL Jayden Clark

## **Society Communication**



- All important information is sent out through our Mailing List and our Slack
   Channel
  - (If you're not on our mailing list, come talk to us after the meeting!)
- How to Join <u>Slack</u>:
  - Take out your phone
  - Download the Slack App
  - Enter/confirm your email address
  - "Join Workspace"
  - sds1910.slack.com



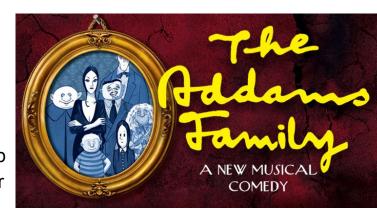
# Main Stage Show

## The Addams Family (Spring Musical 2024)



#### What's it about?

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family— a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before— keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.



#### When is it?

April 4th (9pm), April 5th (8pm) and April 6th (2pm and 8pm)

## The Professionals



#### **Director: Melissa Lewyn**

- Positive bubbly spirit!
- Experience with student run college theater groups - "there's truly nothing like it"
- Very collaborative
- Recommended by Kelsey Robins :)



#### **Stage Manager: Rachel Zwerver**

- Went to Penn State for Technical Theater with a concentration in Stage Management
- Super organized
- Personable and chill energy
- Is excited to have fun with us!!!



## The Professionals



#### **Music Director: Michael Curcio**

- MD and voice coach based in Staten Island
- Went to Ithaca college
- Recommended by Gab Poska
- Super fun energy!



#### **Choreographer: Cameron Clifford**

- Stevens and SDS alum
- Phenomenal dancer and choreographer
- Was on Broadway as a child
- Cannot wait to give back to SDS!



## The Professionals



#### **Production Manager: Shawna Hawkins**

- We <3 Shawna</li>
- Keeps coming back so she <3's us too
- The best ever
- Live laugh love Shawna



#### Set: Gab Poska and Joe Bonaventura

- Gab: masters student at Stevens, has done all of the SDS shows since her freshman year
- Joe: graduated with an engineering degree from Manhattan college
- Been working together on theater sets for 5+ years



## **How Can YOU Get Involved?**

## The Addams Family Cast Auditions

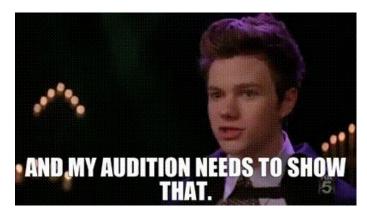
#### How do I audition?

- Come to Skyline Suite 1 on Thursday, January
   25th or Friday, January 26th
  - Sign up for a time slot <u>here</u>
- Complete the <u>audition form</u> and <u>conflict sheet</u> before arrival

### How do I prepare?

- Read all documents in <u>this</u> folder
- Prepare one of the songs in this folder
- Fill out conflict sheet and audition form





## **Audition Tips!**

Auditions are stressful and everyone has a different process! Here's some tips that may help:

- Do some vocal warm-ups before you arrive
- Do some breathing exercises
  - If you think you've breathed in as deep as you can, try to breathe in even more!
- Avoid negative self talk
  - Sometimes even talking about how nervous you feel can make you feel even more in your head.
  - Bottom line: you got this!



## The Addams Family Pit Auditions

#### How do I audition? What do I prepare?

- Make a 60-90 second video of you playing your instrument and send it to SDS and our music director's emails!
  - sds@stevens.edu
  - o <u>mlcurcioj3@gmail.com</u>
- Complete the <u>conflict sheet</u> before you send in your clip!
- Separate clip for each instrument auditioning
- Due by <u>Friday, January 26th, at 9 pm</u>



This could be you!

## **The Production Board**

**Production Manager:** Shawna Hawkins

**Lighting Design:** Michael Preziosi

Master Electrician: Jacob Ashkenas

**Sound Design:** Kayla Holmes

**Set Design/Master Carpentry/Master Artisan:** 

Gab Poska and Joe Bonaventura

Costumes Design: Sandra McDonald

**Props:** Gabrielle Eschinger

Hair/Makeup: Megan Yim

**Assistant Stage Manager:** Jayden Clark

**Assistant Production Manager:** Catherine Stabile



## I want to help out!



#### **General Crew:**

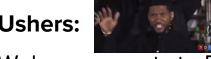
Come to crew calls and help bring this show to life!

Join #crew-calls on Slack for more updates!!!

#### **Become a ProBoard Assistant:**

If you'd like to assist a specific department on the Production Board, reach out to SDS@stevens.edu and we can put you in touch!

### **Ushers:**



Welcome quests to DeBaun, sell merch and raffle tickets, give out playbills! Sign up **here**.

## Load In!



Save the date to help us bring *The Addams* Family to life!

#### Dates:

- Weekend of March 8th
  - **Continuing into Spring Break (March 11-17)**

Be ready to work and build an awesome set!



### The Addams Family Dance Captain Interest Form



Our professionals would like to have a Dance Captain for this production and we wanted to gauge your interest!

If you are interested in this position, please fill out **this form**.

Responsibilities would include being at choreography rehearsals to learn the choreo, and to aid the choreographer with teaching and review of the choreo.



# **Society Events!**

## Society Events Calendar (Spring 2024)

### **Save These Dates:**

#### Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* (DeBaun event):

Thursday, February 15 at 9pm Friday, February 16 at 8pm, and Saturday, February 17 at 2pm in DeBaun Intro to Load In Workshop: Wednesday, March 6th in DeBaun from 3pm-5pm (academic break)

**Take a Load Off Before Load In:** Friday, March 8th at 7pm (location tbd)

Load In: Weekend of March 8th in DeBaun

Look for more updates to events via email!



## Full GBM/Meeting Schedule



**GBM #2 (Mid-Production Check-In) -** Wednesday, February 28th at 9pm // EAS 222

GBM #3 (Postmortem) - Wednesday, April 10th at 9pm // EAS 222

GBM #4 (Society Day + Elections) - Wednesday, April 24th at 9pm // EAS 222

## Thank you for coming!

