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'The Snow Queen' Opens at OIS

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"The Snow Queen" Icicle Cast Photo provided

Orinda Intermediate School's Bulldog Theater fall dramatic production, "The Snow Queen," will run Nov. 13-15 at OIS. The play is written by Ron Nicol and produced in agreement with Samuel French, LTD.

In this adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's tale, childhood friends, young Gerda and Kay learn about the Snow Queen through their grandmother's description: "On winter nights when we are asleep she flies silently through the streets and alleyways. Sometimes she stops to look through a window and when you get up the window is covered with flowers of frost for she has breathed on the glass." The Snow Queen casts her icy spell on the world and turns young Kay's heart to ice and takes him away as her eternal prisoner to her ice palace at the very top of the world. Gerda, Kay's friend, must journey forever north and brave many dangers in her attempt to save Kay and break

winter's grip

The production is directed and produced by Bay Area Children's Theatre as part of their Youth Education Program. Rachel Robinson serves as director with Brett Jones as assistant director and acting coach. In reference to the production, Robinson notes, "The bonds of friendship run deep in 'The Snow Queen.' It motivates all the characters' actions - even the bad ones. As is often the case, the themes of the play have seeped into our rehearsal process. Theatre tends to be the great equalizer. It takes 52 students from three different grades, with different social groups and interests, and brings them together to tell a story."

For show time information and to purchase tickets, visit www.showtix4u.com. Tickets are also available at OIS Theater one half hour prior to show times.

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