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AVPA Students Gearing up for Scotland

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Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) will be sending thirty theatre students to Edinburgh, Scotland next summer to



participate in the world-renowned Fringe Festival through the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). As part of the fundraising to make this trip possible, the students have partnered with the clothing manufacturer, Stussy, Inc. and are sponsoring a fundraising sale in the parking lot of El Rincon Elementary School (1117 Overland Ave.) on Saturday, November 5, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The AHSTF makes it possible for America's best drama students to experience the Fringe Festival as performers and audience members. AVPA's Blurred Vision Theatre Company is proud to have been selected for this honor. The festival is the world's largest performing arts festival, and every year draws thousands of actors, directors, writers and producers as well as hundreds of thousands of theatergoers from around the world. These Culver City High School students will present four performances of AVPA's spring production, a multi-media adaptation of the Greek tragedy, "*Antigone*," before an international audience at the Festival from August 12-25.

According to Darryl Hovis, Artistic Director for the academy and *Antigone*'s director, "These students are very excited about this opportunity to experience the Fringe Festival

and to represent Culver City by performing in front of an international audience. Plus I think they're probably going to have some fun."

Stussy, Inc. is a clothing manufacturer based in Irvine that shows its support for students in the community by partnering with school-based organizations for these fund-raising sales. Clothing other companies would sell through outlet stores are offered directly to the public with a percentage of the proceeds going to the student organizations. Stussy carries a complete line of pants, hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags and more at 50% or more off retail prices. They also offer DC, Adio, Globe and other name brand skate shoes as well as Paul Frank, Spy Eyewear, and World Industries goods. Visa and Mastercard are accepted at the sale. For more information about Stussy sales, contact 760-945-0097.

"Stussy has been wonderful to work with on this fund raiser," says Estela Narrie, the AVPA parent volunteer coordinating the event. "They're very professional and committed to helping students raise money for once-in-a-lifetime opportunities like this Edinburgh trip."

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from Sony Pictures Entertainment and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area. For more information, go to www.avpa.org or contact Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x6094 or x6009.

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IMB_2393: Blurred Vision Theatre Company students in a recent AVPA production of *Company*.