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More Improv Comedy from AVPA's Trainwreck!

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They say humor contributes to health, stress reduction, and effective job performance. If that's true, Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) Trainwreck Theater has an important role in society. Trainwreck will present two nights of audience-participation improvisational comedy on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sony Pictures Theatre (SPoT) behind the Robert Frost Auditorium at 4401 Elenda in Culver City. Admission is \$7 general or \$5 ASB, although patrons who present their ticket from Friday night can see Saturday's show for only \$3.

Improvisational actors are the bravest of the brave. They use no script. Instead, they create dialog and action as they perform. One style of improv that Trainwreck uses is called "spot" improv, where performers get suggestions from the audience and use them to create short, often hysterical scenes. New to the AVPA students this year (and to their audiences) is a much more advanced and difficult form of improv called "The Harold." In this long form version of improv comedy an entire segment of the show is driven by a single suggestion from the audience at the beginning of the act.

According to Joel Goodman, AVPA's improv instructor, "There's no question these students need to be quick on their feet. We spend our class time learning comedy theory, developing characters and, of course, practicing improv, but once they're out there in front of an audience, there are no censors and they have the opportunity to say whatever comes to them. Anything can happen. And it usually does."



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 about the Academy, go to www.avpa.org or contact Executive Director, Tony Spano, at 310-842-4200 x6094 or x6009.

Photo Caption:

IMG_3849: James Woodman MCs a recent Trainwreck performance.

IMG_3888: Erin Walker prepares herself for a kiss from James Woodman.



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