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Car Wash Fundraiser for AVPA's Theater Troupe

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At next week's car wash fundraiser, each sparkling clean car will help send students from CCHS' Academy of Visual and Performing Arts' (AVPA) to Scotland. The Blurred Vision Theatre Company has been invited to perform there at the renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival next August. This fundraiser will be held at the Elks Lodge, 11160 Washington Place, (East of Sepulveda) between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m on Sunday, March 12. Cars are \$5 while trucks, vans, and SUVs are \$7.



This is the second car wash the Elks Lodge has generously hosted for AVPA's theater company. The first, in December, was highly successful, thanks to the community's support of the students' fundraising efforts. Each fundraising event gets these students one step closer to representing Culver City by performing at this international venue which attracts thousands of actors, directors, writers and producers as well as hundreds of thousands of theatergoers each year.

The AVPA students will perform Sophocles' *Antigone*. They're already taking classes in classical acting styles so they'll be knowledgeable about the traditions of the work they're portraying. Starting in April, they'll create two version of the show. The first will have original music performed live by AVPA's own chamber singers in a multi-media interpretation of this classic. That version will be performed May 18-20 and May 25-27 at the high school. A traveling version of the show will be performed at the Actors' Gang before the students take it to Scotland.

According to AVPA's artistic director, Darryl Hovis, who's also directing *Antigone*, "This play is a violent emotional storm that pits moral duty against law. These students are ready for the challenge of sustaining that chaos through all three productions."

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 Tony Spano at 310-842-4200 x 6094 or x6009.

Photo Caption:

AVPA students Brian Sonia-Wallace, Deepika Singamassetti, Raul Calderon and Ali Seike show their car washing talents.

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